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## How far is too far?

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Left: The online game "JFK Reloaded" from Glasgow, Scotland-based Traffic Management Limited simulates the events of Nov. 22, 1963. Players can pretend to be Lee Harvey Oswald and "assassinate" President John F. Kennedy. "It's despicable," said David Smith, spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, the late president's brother. Above: South Korea's Media Rating Board has refused to approve "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2," which bases its scenarios on a U.S. conflict with North Korea, saying it goes "way too far."

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Dangerous medicines:** New reports accuse another drug company of being too slow to pull a dangerous medication from the market and question the ability of the Federal Food and Drug Administration to protect the public from such risks.

This time it's Baycol, a cholesterol-lowering medicine that Bayer AG withdrew in 2001 after some people who took it developed a severe and sometimes fatal muscle disorder. A new study found that the risks were far greater than had been believed.

The study concludes that today's top-selling cholesterol-lowering drugs, called statins, are very safe, but could be risky when taken with other drugs called fibrates by older people with diabetes.

**Robert Blake murder trial:** Prospective jurors being interviewed for the Robert Blake murder case were warned that they will have no DNA evidence, no fingerprints and no eyewitnesses and will have to judge the actor entirely on circumstantial evidence.

Jury selection began six days ago and Deputy District Attorney Shelle Samuels has been setting the stage for Blake's trial in Los Angeles that will enter the evidentiary phase Dec. 6.

Samuels has said that there is no way to link Blake to the gun that killed his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, in May 2001.

**Political eavesdropping:** A federal judge has denied a request by former Virginia House of Delegates Speaker S. Vance Wilkins to be removed from a lawsuit stemming from a Republican eavesdropping scandal.

U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer on Monday also denied a request by the state Republican Party to limit the amount it might have to pay in the lawsuit brought by 33 current and former Democratic General Assembly members.

The lawsuit against the GOP, Wilkins, his former chief of staff Claudia D. Tucker, former state GOP executive director Edmund A. Matricardi III, and former state chairman Gary Thorne, stems from a 2002 incident in which Matricardi eavesdropped on two Democratic conference calls. He pleaded guilty to felony eavesdropping in 2003.

The civil case is scheduled for trial on Dec. 9.

**Insulting radio host:** A Madison, Wis., radio host apologized Monday for calling secretary of state nominee Condoleezza Rice "Aunt Jemima," but refused to back down from his criticism that she is a "black trophy" of the Bush administration.

John "Sly" Sylvester, the program director and morning personality on WTTD-AM, wrote a letter of apology to local newspapers.

"I'm concerned that I have offended many African-Americans by using a cross term to describe an incompetent, dishonest political appointee of the Bush administration. I apologize," wrote Sylvester, who is white.

Sylvester wrote he would not, however, apologize for criticizing Rice, saying "she has allowed herself to be used as a black trophy by an administration."

**Darfur drought:** Sudan's Darfur region, already engulfed in a conflict that has forced



**Chinese airliner crash:** Rescuers continue their search Monday for the black boxes at the site of a crash of a China Eastern Airlines plane in Baotou, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The death toll from the crash rose to 55 after the body of a second person killed on the ground was found. Investigators have found no evidence of terrorism or other "man-made destruction" after the plane exploded after takeoff and plunged into an ice-covered lake.

1.8 million people to flee their homes, faces a new threat — a drought that has all but wiped out this year's harvest, the top U.S. aid official says.

Andrew Natsios, head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said farmers who stayed on their land during the 21-month conflict are now beginning their major harvest, but they're expected to reap just 10 percent to 15 percent of the normal yield.

The estimate by the International Committee of the Red Cross "means an 85 percent crop loss," and will be subject to another assessment by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Natsios said.

## Business

**Dollar hits new low:** The U.S. dollar slid to yet another new low Tuesday against the euro, which rose to \$1.3093 after a weekend meeting of the world's top finance officials failed to send any signal that governments were preparing action to stop the dollar's slide.

The European currency broke the previous record of \$1.3074, set Thursday, in early afternoon trading.

**Banker banned:** Former star technology banker Frank Quattrone, convicted on criminal charges of obstructing justice, has been barred from the securities industry for life by regulators for allegedly failing to cooperate in an investigation of his activities.

The National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing group, announced Monday that its National Adjudicatory Council had permanently banned Quattrone from the industry, overruling a January decision by a hearing panel to suspend him for only a year.

## World

**Allegations of abuse:** The United Nations is investigating 150 allegations of sexual abuse by peacekeepers in Congo, a disturbing claim that efforts to rid the so-called "blue helmets" of such misconduct in re-

cent years haven't worked, officials said Monday.

The allegations include pedophilia, rape and soliciting prostitutes, said Jane Holl Lute, assistant secretary-general for peacekeeping operations. Similar claims have been made against peacekeepers working under the U.N. mandate in the past.

The allegations in Congo started coming to light in the spring, and formal investigations have begun in several cases, she said. There are allegedly photographs and video footage backing some of the claims.

**North Korea food aid:** North Korea will need food aid for more than 6 million people next year, as a harvest shortfall and soaring prices in fledgling private markets leave most families unable to get enough to eat, U.N. agencies said Tuesday.

The report by the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization came amid efforts to restart stalled six-nation talks on U.S. demands for the North to give up its nuclear ambitions.

**Madrid bombing memorial:** A glass dome etched with messages of condolence has been chosen as the design for a memorial to victims of the Madrid train bombings.

Mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon and Development Minister Magdalena Alvarez announced the winning bid Monday from among 289 proposals.

The 66-foot tall dome design was presented by a Spanish architectural firm.

The structure will be built outside the Atocha rail station, one of the targets in the March 11 attack that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500. The bombings on four commuter trains were blamed on Islamic militants linked to al-Qaida.

Engraved on the dome will be messages of condolence that Spaniards wrote in letters and signs left at makeshift memorials at Atocha and two other stations in the days after the attack.

An association representing victims asked that the messages of condolence appear instead of victims' names to show "values of hope and solidarity."

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# A chief vows care for 'wounded heroes'

## Bound for Afghanistan, Secretary Anthony Principi visits injured at Landstuhl

By BEN MURRAY  
Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Emerging from a meeting with injured troops at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the Department of Veterans Affairs' top official vowed Monday to work for the timely delivery of benefits to America's "wounded heroes."

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi spent more than an hour meeting with about 20 troops at the hospital in a brief stop on his way to Thanksgiving in Afghanistan.

Afterward, he spoke about the need to take care of soldiers wounded in the war on terrorism. Principi said he was heartened by the morale of the troops recovering at Landstuhl, and would work "to make sure that the VA takes care of them" when they separate from the military.

But the VA faces a massive task in trying to quickly funnel health benefits to troops recently wounded or disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan. In a letter to The Washington Post last month, Principi said his office receives more than 60,000 new benefits claims each month, and at any given time has more than 250,000 claims being processed.

The government's second-largest expense agency has come under fire for the amount of time it

takes to process claims.

Working through the complicated separation and claims process can take months for separating troops, prompting the VA to expand its services in 2001 and begin its "seamless transition" initiative last year to streamline the VA processing procedure.

That initiative included efforts to improve communication between the VA and the Department of Defense, the addition of extra benefits counselors and internal VA moves to ensure that troops wounded in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom receive priority care.

"They've earned those benefits, and I want to ensure they get them," Principi said.

The VA's 2001 expansion of services has made a big difference to troops passing through the Landstuhl hospital, according to Jeri York, officer in charge for the seven-member VA staff at Landstuhl.

As of Tuesday, 20,802 troops have been treated at Landstuhl from injuries received in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

York said that the predesigned program available at Landstuhl allows separating troops to work through the claims process while still in Germany, allowing them to circumvent most of the ponderous VA central claims system,



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi talks in the lobby of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, after he visited with wounded servicemembers who are hospitalized there.

based in Washington, D.C.

"In the States, processing can take up to a year," York said. But working through the Landstuhl

program allows separating troops to receive benefits in as little as 60 to 100 days, he said.

"We can essentially write the

award and the benefit starts flowing then," he said.

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# DODDS teacher receives national honor for teaching excellence

By RICK EMERT  
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BAMBERG, Germany — Because he had students dancing in the aisles and spending their lunch time studying Shakespeare, a former Hanau Middle School teacher was recently selected as a 2004 recipient of the I CAN Learn-NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence.

Christopher Swanson, now a Vilseck Middle/High School English teacher, was nominated for the National Education Association award while teaching English and drama at Hanau Middle School last school year.

Swanson had to be nominated by his peers, students and parents to be eligible for the award.

During his eight years at Hanau Middle School, Swanson strived to keep his lessons interesting. He used tools such as competitions and singing to get the children interested in learning.

"One particular day, we were working on grammar," he said. "Grammar is a very dry subject, and there are so many rules to learn. I had one of the students rapping out the rules of grammar, and everybody was out of their chairs dancing around."

He gave up his lunch hours for what started out as special tutoring for students having trouble with the Shakespeare play they were reading in class.

So many students began coming to the lunch-hour sessions that it developed into the Hanau Shakespearean Actors Group. The group put on one to two Shakespeare



RICK EMERT/Stars and Stripes

Christopher Swanson, a ninth-grade English and drama teacher at Vilseck High School, Germany, was recently recognized through the I CAN Learn-NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence. The program recognizes teachers throughout the United States each year for their innovative ways of getting students interested in learning.

plays each school year and used funds raised to take a trip to London for workshops at the Globe Theatre, Swanson said.

Through the I CAN Learn program, 34 teachers throughout the United States are recognized for outstanding instructional expertise, creativity, innovation and attention

to diversity and individual students' needs, among other areas.

Five finalists are selected from the 34 teachers for the Horace Mann-NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. One top winner is then selected from among the five.

Although Swanson was not one of the five finalists, he said he was honored to be included among the handful of educators receiving the I CAN Learn award.

"It is a humbling experience, to be adjudged to be at the top of my field," Swanson said. "It gives cause for reflection, and it motivates me to continue to work at being a better teacher and to meet the needs of my students."

Kim Coard, a home economics teacher at Hanau Middle School who helped make the costumes for the plays, was one of the teachers who nominated Swanson for the award.

"I saw a lot of one-on-one between him and the students," said Coard, now a reading, health, and family and consumer science teacher at Ramstein Middle School. "He got students who seemed hopeless genuinely motivated to learn and doing things they would not do for any other teacher. He always planned activities for the students and he built their esteem. Nobody is more deserving of this award."

Swanson said that, while the award is an honor, he was moved more by the fact that his peers and students wanted to nominate him.

"The best part of getting this award is knowing that there are people you have made a big enough impact on that they would want to nominate you for something like this," Swanson said.

Swanson will attend the NEA Foundation Award ceremony in Washington, D.C., in December.

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# Jones: NATO participation in Iraq could be better

By LISA BURGESS  
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WASHINGTON — The failure of all NATO-member nations to participate in the alliance's new training mission in Iraq is "disturbing," according to Marine Gen. James Jones, the alliance's top operational commander.

NATO allies agreed on Nov. 17 to approve a mission to send up to 300 military instructors, as well as guards and support staff, to Iraq as part of a mission to train the country's nascent military.

But only 16 of the alliance's 26 member nations have agreed to actually participate in the operation.

The others, including Germany and France — both of whom vigorously opposed the Bush administration's determination to prosecute the war in Iraq to begin with — have refused to send troops to participate in the mission.

Such recalcitrance "is disturbing," said Jones, who is Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, during a luncheon address at the National Press Club on Tuesday.

It is important that once NATO decides to take on a mission, "all allies support it," Jones said. "When nine, 10, or 11 countries in the alliance will not send forces," Jones said, "the burden falls on the other 14" members to complete the task.

While Jones said he hopes the Iraq situation will be "a one-time issue," the possibility of similar situations "is something that has to be discussed and given a full airing."

Jones mentioned instances in which NATO as a whole might agree to a mission which then receives only partial member support as one of a series of "potential obstacles to [NATO's] transformation."

Other problems, Jones said, include the dwindling military budgets of many European countries, especially in Western Europe.

Over 50 percent of nations in NATO spend 2 percent or less of their Gross Domestic Product on national security issues, which includes international security,"

Jones said. "Not having a predictable, stable investment base" to depend on, especially as military budgets continue to decline, will not make it difficult for NATO to modernize for the future, he said.

The United States spends 4.7 percent of its gross domestic product in 2004 on national security, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Jones also said that an excess of restrictions, or "caveats," on how NATO forces may be employed could mean they are on a mission as a burden on commanders.

"Zero [caveats] is not possible," Jones said. "But we can certainly do better than we've done."

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## Harlem Globetrotters to tour U.S. bases in Europe next month

By SCOTT SCHONAUER  
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NAVAL STATION ROTTA, Spain — The legendary Harlem Globetrotters bring their comedic basketball fun to U.S. military bases in Europe and Turkey next month in a rare tour to entertain the troops.

The team will perform at nine bases in Spain, Italy, Germany and Turkey from Dec. 5 through Dec. 14. It is believed to be the first time the world-famous basketball squad has toured overseas bases.

Each show is free to troops and their families.

"They have a very busy schedule," said Cheryl Anderson, special events and entertainment coordinator for the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. "But they were very excited about this."

The Globetrotters will bring the same show that entertains thousands of people worldwide each year.

"As the holiday season approaches, the Globetrotters wanted to take time to remember the men and women who are sacrificing time away from their families," said Mannie Jackson, team owner and chairman, in a statement announcing the overseas trip.

"The Globetrotters are honored to provide a few hours of entertainment and a break from the stress of protecting our freedom."

The idea of an overseas tour emerged after Navy Capt. John

Orem, commander of U.S. forces in Rota, contacted MWR last year to see if the Globetrotters could make a brief appearance at the naval station during a stop in Spain earlier this year. Although the team couldn't make it to the base, Anderson said, the Globetrotters agreed to do a special holiday tour of bases throughout Europe.

AT&T is backing the trip, along with sponsoring a halftime, half-court basketball shot contest. Servicemen and their families can register to try and sink the half-court shot and win \$1,000. Also, fans can participate in a half-time free-throw contest to win prepaid long-distance phone cards.

Since their inception 78 years ago, the Globetrotters have entertained more than 121 million fans in 117 countries with their special brand of dunks, jokes and basketball court pranks. In 1998, they played their 20,000th basketball game.

The Globetrotters routinely play more than 200 games a year worldwide. In 2005, they are scheduled to appear in more than 200 cities across the United States and Canada in a four-month span.

During the holiday tour of military bases, HDNet — the high-definition television network co-founded by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban — will film a special to air in late December.

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## Rear Adm. Mauney takes command of submarine group

By JASON CHUDY  
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Rear Adm. Carl V. Mauney assumed command of the Naples, Italy-based Submarine Group Eight from Rear Adm. Paul S. Stanley during a ceremony on the NATO base at Nisida Island near Naples.



Mauney

Mauney last served as the director of the Strategy and Policy Division at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C.

In addition to serving as head of the submarine group, Mauney will control Operations and Plans for the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and NATO's Allied Submarines, Mediterranean.

near.

Stanley will become director of Warfare Programs and Readiness for U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He had twice served as the submarine group's commander, once for four months as interim commander in early 2002 and again in July 2003.

"Rear Admiral Stanley has been vital here," guest speaker Vice Adm. Harry Ulrich, the 6th Fleet commander, was quoted as saying in a Navy news release.

"He has done a tremendous job of creating a vision of what the 6th Fleet and military in Naples and Europe can and should do."

In addition to the Naples-based staff, Submarine Group Eight manages the La Maddalena, Sardinia-based Submarine Squadron 22 and submarine tender USS Emory S. Land.

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## Schweinfurt GI pleads guilty to theft, child porn charges

By STEVE LIEWER  
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A Schweinfurt, Germany-based soldier will spend nearly four years in prison after pleading guilty to a court-martial last week to stealing another soldier's laptop computer and keeping pornographic videos of children on his own computer.

Judge (L. Col.) Robin Hall sentenced Pvt. Floyd Latta, 34, of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, to four years in jail and ordered him to be dishonorably discharged during his Nov. 15 trial in Würzburg, Germany, according to a trial summary released this week by the 1st Infantry Division's Staff Judge Advocate's office.

Latta's jail term was cut to 45 months under the terms of a plea bargain.

The chief prosecutor, Capt. Zahid Qurashi, said Latta kept several videos and images on his laptop computer that depicted children being sexually abused, beaten and kept in bondage. The pictures showed at least six different child victims, and some of them were used in prosecutions of the people who made them in the United States, Germany and elsewhere, according to the case summary.

Latta also admitted stealing another soldier's laptop computer from an office at Cont Barracks, the 1-4 Cavalry's home base, between April 5 and April 8. He deleted all of the personal and work-related files, forcing the soldier to buy a new computer, the summary said.

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Harlem Globetrotters Tours of U.S. military bases:

- Dec. 5: Naval Station Rota, Spain
- Dec. 6: Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy
- Dec. 7: Naval Support Activity La Maddalena, Italy
- Dec. 8: Aviano Air Base, Italy
- Dec. 14: Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily
- Dec. 12: Mannheim, Germany
- Dec. 13-14: Several locations in Turkey

The shows are free, but some bases require fans to have tickets.

Servicemen should contact their local bases for show dates, times, locations and ticket information.



# White House orders study on paramilitary operations

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER  
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has requested that the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon study whether the Defense Department should take over CIA paramilitary operations, as recommended by the Sept. 11 commission.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and then-acting CIA Director John McLaughlin rejected the idea — McLaughlin quite viscerally — when the commission issued its final report this summer. Bush's request indicates that the administration wants to give the issue closer study.

"The president asked that we look at this to understand and address the specifics of this issue," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Monday evening.

Both Whitman and a U.S. official, who also confirmed the study on the condition of anonymity, stressed that the work is being done collaboratively. The study is still in its early stages.

The review comes as Congress

has reached an apparent stalemate over other sweeping recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, including the creation of a new national intelligence director.

Within its 40-plus recommendations, the commission recommended the transfer of the CIA's paramilitary operations to the Defense Department. The commissioners said having two such organizations within the government to handle such operations was redundant.

Paramilitary operations can include a host of activities, including training rebel forces; destabilizing governments and organizations through violence; and directly attacking enemy targets and individuals. The operations can be handled by CIA paramilitary teams or units out of the Pentagon, such as the Green Berets or Delta Force.

Pentagon and intelligence leaders have said CIA paramilitaries and military special operations forces each have distinct capabilities, but work together.

This summer, McLaughlin said he wouldn't accept the Sept. 11 commission's recommendation. He has since been replaced by CIA Director Porter Goss.

"I think we have a perfect marriage now of CIA and military capabilities. CIA brings to the mix agility and speed. Military brings lethality," McLaughlin said.

Rumsfeld, however, was initially less committed on the proposal, saying he is not sure the CIA's control over paramilitary operations is a problem that needs fixing.

Some nibbling away at the CIA's domain is already under way. Recent legislation would give the U.S. Special Operations Command up to \$25 million to support "foreign forces, irregular forces, groups or individuals" that help U.S. efforts against terrorists and other enemies. Such aid — which could mean cash, weapons or other assistance to often shadowy groups or figures — has traditionally been handled by the CIA.

Bush signed the measure into law last month.

AP Military Writer Robert Burns contributed to this story.



Photo courtesy of DVID

The Pentagon is reopening a controversial contract for Air Force refueling tankers to replace KC-135s, shown above, after a scandal involving an Air Force official giving special treatment to Boeing on multiple contracts. The official later took a job with Boeing.

## Pentagon invites new competition for AF tanker contract

BY MATTHEW DALY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has decided to reopen a controversial deal to supply refueling tankers to the Air Force, dealing a blow to The Boeing Co., which had expected to win the \$23 billion contract.

The move was expected. Congress killed a leasing aspect of the deal in a defense authorization bill last month in response to a growing scandal centering on a former Air Force official who admitted giving special treatment to Boeing on the tanker deal and other contracts.

The official, Darleen Druyun, later joined Boeing as a letter to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., that the department is studying a wide range of alternatives before proceeding on the tanker deal.

"After we have selected an appropriate alternative, we intend to require competition," Wolfowitz wrote. "No matter which alternative we choose, leasing is not an option without new congressional authority."

Wolfowitz's letter, published Saturday in the Congressional Record, was hailed as good news by critics who contend the original deal was structured in Boeing's favor.

"Competition doesn't mean Boeing doesn't get the contract. It just means taxpayers will get more bang for their buck," said Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Boeing said it respected the Pentagon's decision and looked forward to the competition. European-based EADS, which owns most of Boeing rival Airbus, is expected to be the main competitor for the tanker deal.

"Backed by our 50 years of tanker expertise, the Boeing 767 tanker has already been selected by Italy and Japan," said Boeing spokesman Doug Kennett. He said the Italian Air Force's first full-up 767 tanker will roll out in February and fly in March of next year.

Ralph Crosby, chairman and chief executive officer of EADS North America, said that if there is a competition for the tankers, his company will participate.

"We will team with a major American partner, expand our industrial footprint in the United States, employ American workers and pledge to offer the finest military capability for the United States Air Force at the best value to our taxpayers," Crosby said.

Wolfowitz's letter, dated Friday, essentially accused the interpretation of the defense authorization bill offered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., an Armed Services Committee member and fierce critic of the tanker deal. McCain said the bill brings the Air Force's plan "back to square one" with a "full and open competition" required.

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# 5,000 U.S., Iraqi British forces launch offensive south of Baghdad

BY TIM TRIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Some 5,000 U.S. Marines, British troops and Iraqi commandos launched raids and arrested suspected insurgents Tuesday in a new offensive aimed at clearing a swath of insurgent hideouts south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

In other violence, masked gunmen assassinated a Sunni cleric north of Baghdad — the second such killing in as many days — and insurgents in U.S. control with a roadside bomb near the central Iraq city of Samarra, prompting the Americans to open

fire, killing an Iraqi hospital officials, said.

The new offensive was the third large-scale military assault this month aimed at suppressing Iraq's persistent insurgency ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30.

The region of dusty, small towns south of the capital has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent attacks by car bombs, rockets, and small arms on U.S. and Iraqi forces there and for frequent ambushes on travelers.

The military said violence has surged in the area in recent weeks in an apparent attempt to

A U.S. tank burns on the back of a transport truck after it came under attack on a highway in Baghdad on Monday.

divert attention away from the U.S. assault on Fallujah.

The joint operation kicked off with early-morning raids in the town of Jabella, 50 miles south of Baghdad, netting 32 suspected insurgents, the U.S. military said in a statement. U.S. and Iraqi forces were conducting house-to-house searches and vehicle checkpoints.

In the past three weeks, Iraqi troops and Marines have detained nearly 250 insurgents, the statement said.

They have been aided by British forces from the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch Regiment, who were brought to the area from southern Basra to aid U.S. forces in closing off militant escape routes between Baghdad, Babil province to the south and Anbar province to the west.

The massive Fallujah invasion — involving some 10,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops — has left the former guerrilla stronghold mostly in U.S. hands, though fighting with pockets of gunmen has been going on for days, the military has said. More than 50 U.S. service-members were killed and more than 400 wounded in the operation.

Earlier this month, the northern city of Mosul witnessed a mass insurgent uprising in apparent support of Fallujah's guerrillas.

Some 2,400 U.S. troops were sent in to retake control over western parts of the city.

The slain Sunni cleric, Sheikh Ghulib Ali al-Zuhairi, was shot as he left a mosque in the town of Muqaddiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad, said police Col. Raisan Hussein.

Al-Zuhairi was a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential group that has called for a boycott of nationwide elections.

Earlier, gunmen assassinated another prominent Sunni cleric in the northern city of Mosul — Sheikh Faith Mohamed Amin al-Faidhi, who was the brother of the group's spokesman. It is unclear whether the two attacks were related.

Meanwhile, a top aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accused the government of violating terms of the August agreement that ended an uprising by al-Sadr's followers in Najaf.

Al-Smeisil, al-Sadr's top political adviser, made no explicit threats as he leveled his allegations at a Baghdad news conference.

But his remarks raised the possibility of a new confrontation between the government and al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which rose up against the Americans and their Iraqi allies in April and August.

Smeisil said the government has broken a promise in the August agreement not to arrest members of al-Sadr's movement and to release most of them from detention.

The government, however, started pursuing them and their numbers in prisons have doubled, Smeisil said. "Iraqi police arrested 160 al-Sadr loyalists in Najaf last days ago."

Smeisil also accused the government of conspiring with two major Shiite parties, Dawa and the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, to marginalize al-Sadr's movement and prevent its clerics from speaking in mosques.

Trouble from al-Sadr's armed followers would further complicate the security situation ahead of the January vote.

The United States is eager for the election to go ahead as planned, hoping that an elected government widely accepted by the Iraqi people will take the steam out of the insurgency still raging in Sunni areas of central, western and northern Iraq as well as the capital.

But a boycott by Sunni Arabs — who make up an estimated 20 percent of the nearly 26 million population — could deprive the new government of legitimacy, the majority Shiites, believed to form 60 percent of the population, strongly support elections.

Still, Iraq's interim prime minister expressed confidence Monday that the election will succeed. Ayad Allawi said he believed that only a "very small minority" would abstain during the election. As the election approaches, U.S. commanders in Iraq probably will expand their troops by several thousand. Army units slated to depart are also being held back until after the election. There are now about 138,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

In Egypt, where 20 nations have gathered for an international conference on Iraq, members have committed themselves to supporting the U.S.-backed Iraqi interim government and its war against insurgents.

The gathering, which included many who had opposed the war, represented a hard-won acknowledgment of the need for international cooperation to deal with its consequences.

## U.S. injured tops 9,000

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. troops wounded throughout Iraq since the Fallujah offensive began Nov. 7 has surpassed 850, and the wounded total for the entire war has topped 9,000, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

In its weekly report on casualties the Pentagon said 9,326 U.S. troops have been wounded since U.S. forces invaded Iraq in March 2003. That's an increase of 370 from the previous week, reflecting not only the battles in Fallujah but insurgent attacks in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities.

The wounded total has increased by 868 since the outset of the Fallujah offensive and by 1,039 since Nov. 1. The Pentagon has not given a comprehensive report on the number of American forces killed since the start of the Fallujah attack, but officials said last week that at least 51 had been killed and 425 wounded.

## Iraq's political parties

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Independent Electoral Commission said Tuesday that 156 political parties have been approved to run candidates in the Jan. 30 general election.

They included the Iraqi National Accord party led by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and the new party of President Ghazi al-Yawer, called the Iraqi Party, said a spokesman. Farid Ayar said in a statement.

Ayar said 212 parties applied for certification but 56 were rejected for failing to meet criteria. Also among the approved was the Iraqi Islamic Party, a Sunni group that had threatened to boycott the election to protest the U.S.-led offensive against Fallujah. The party later decided to participate.

## Group enters Fallujah

GENEVA — The first independent aid group to enter the Iraqi city of Fallujah after two weeks of heavy fighting saw a mostly deserted city but was able to help a few civilians contact relatives outside, the Red Crescent said Tuesday.

The Iraqi National Guard told the aid convoy that at least 100 civilian families remain in Fallujah, a city with a usual population of 300,000, said Dr. Said Ismail al-Haqi, director of the Iraqi Red Crescent.

"It is a deserted town," al-Haqi said. He said the convoy Monday didn't see anyone who needed medical attention and left Fallujah before 5 p.m. on the instructions of the U.S.-led military forces.

"We had seven ambulances, but there was no one there to be evacuated," al-Haqi added. "We were told it's already been done."

He said the military had appeared in the city but did not give assistance to the wounded, adding that the Iraqi Red Crescent — a national branch of the international Red Cross movement — was told by the military not to enter the free independent relief group to enter the city since U.S.-led forces invaded two weeks before.

U.S. military officials have said they did not aid groups for security reasons during the first two weeks of the fighting.

From The Associated Press

# U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, at least 1,228 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 95 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Monday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 74 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,090 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 846 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier died Monday of wounds suffered in an attack in Baghdad the night before.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Cpl. Bradley T. Arms, 20, Charlottesville, Va., died Friday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Baltimore, Md.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Demarius D. Brown, 22, Martinsville, Va.; died Friday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Sgt. Jack Bryant Jr., 23, Dale City, Va.; died in an attack Saturday in Muqaddiyah, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Brigade Fire Support Team, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Michael A. Downey, 21, Phoenix; died Friday at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from wounds received Nov. 11 in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

■ Marine Cpl. Joseph J. Hendon, 22, Santa Maria, Calif.; died Saturday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received Nov. 10 in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph T. Welke, 20, Rapid City, S.D.; died Saturday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received Friday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

# Iraq: U.S. role crucial to success of elections

BY SALAH NASRAWI

The Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt — Iraq told an international conference Tuesday that U.S.-led military operations in the war-ravaged country are essential to allowing all people to vote in January national elections. And it received broad global support in the process.

World leaders also discussed the upcoming Palestinian elections on the side of the conference, with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan saying the Jan. 9 polls provided an opportunity to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

But Iraq took center stage, with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari telling the conference that security was the key concern in staging his country's Jan. 29 elections. He also defended the American-led multinational

force in Iraq, which is widely seen in the Arab world as an army of occupation.

"The contribution of the multinational force is essential to help secure necessary conditions for voting and to support our security forces in stabilizing the country," Zebari said.

Zebari addressed representatives of 20 nations, including Iraq's six neighbors, and bodies such as the Group of Eight, the European Union and the Arab League, who came to this Red Sea resort to discuss Iraq's future. The two-day conference, which ended Tuesday, was attended by states that had opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq but now recognize the need to contribute to its reconstruction.

"We must guarantee that all sectors of the Iraqi electorate have an equal chance to cast their vote — free from intimidation, terror and fear spread by

an extreme minority," Zebari said of this month's campaign waged against insurgents in Iraqi cities such as Fallujah and Mosul.

The campaign in Fallujah was a difficult decision, taken after extensive negotiations, but the last course of action after all peaceful and political avenues of dialogue had been exhausted."

The conference rebuffed calls from France and some Arab states to set a deadline for withdrawing the U.S.-led forces. But the final communique, which was approved unanimously, said pointedly that their mandate was "not open-ended."

The communique condemned "all acts of terrorism in Iraq," referring particularly to the kidnappings and assassinations of foreign and Iraqi civilians, aid workers, diplomats and journalists. It urged the interim government to deal firmly with terrorists, but also to avoid hurting civilians.



Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari listens during a meeting of foreign ministers of Iraq and neighboring countries in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, on Monday.

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## GI who died in Iraq refused to avoid war

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON

The Associated Press

WEST SENeca, N.Y. — When a call to active duty interrupted National Guard Spc. David Roustum's final semester in college, his Syrian-born father suggested he could avoid combat by going to Syria.

"I would send you," the father offered.

"Dad, I would never do that. This is my country and I will do whatever it takes," was Roustum's reply, his now-grieving father recalled Monday after learning Roustum had been killed in Baghdad.

"That tells you the kind of person he was."

Military officials told Russ Roustum and his wife, Jennifer, that their youngest son died in an ambush Saturday. At least three other soldiers from Roustum's 108th Infantry Regiment were wounded, the family said.

Three of the injured soldiers' mothers came to the Roustums' suburban Buffalo home Sunday to say they believe David Roustum, 22, saved their sons' lives.

"Two of them are severely injured but the other one was able to talk to his mother," Russ Roustum said.

The Roustums, who live in West Seneca, had no other details



Roustum

on the ambush, nor did a spokesman for the Army National Guard in Albany. The Department of Defense had not yet confirmed the death Monday.

Roustum said the message from the soldiers' mothers did not surprise him. His son, Roustum said, was a leader who played quarterback for his Orchard Park High School football team and captained the club hockey team the year it went from last place to first.

Roustum, who followed his older brother into the military, had been months away from finishing an accounting degree at the University at Buffalo when he was sent to Iraq in March.

At the high school Roustum attended, flags flew at half-staff Monday and students and staff observed a moment of silence after being told of Roustum's death over the public-address system.

"David was an outstanding student, athlete, soldier and human being," said the principal, Robert Farwell.

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## Gunnmen steal \$500,000 in Iraqi dinars

BAQUBA, Iraq — Masked gunmen killed three government employees Tuesday and stole \$500,000-worth of Iraqi dinars in an ambush on a sport utility vehicle carrying the monthly payroll for a government electric power company, police said.

Seven government workers were headed from the bank with the money when two gunmen forced their vehicle to stop, police Lt. Mohammed Adel said.

The gunmen then chanted "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great," as they opened fire on the group, killing three and injuring four others. The assailants then grabbed sacks containing about 700 million Iraqi dinars, or \$500,000 dollars, and fled, Adel said.

From The Associated Press

## IN THE STATES

# Relatives stunned by murder-spree suspect

BY ROBERT IMRIE

The Associated Press

HAYWARD, Wis. — Relatives of a man being held in the deadly shooting of six deer hunters say they are just as stunned and bewildered by the incident as authorities investigating the case.

Thick glass prevented Chai Vang from any contact with family members during a brief visit Monday at the jail. They spoke via telephone, mixing English with the native language of Hmong immigrants from Laos.

"I still don't believe it," the suspect's brother, Sang Vang, said. "He is one of the nicest persons... Maybe something provoked him or something."

Charges had not been filed against 36-year-old Chai Vang, of St. Paul, Minn., as of Tuesday morning.

## Death toll rises to six in Wis. attack on hunters

Vang is accused of opening fire on several hunters Sunday with a semiautomatic assault rifle. Five people were killed and a sixth died Monday; two others were wounded.

"I just don't think any of this makes sense," Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier said.

Meier told reporters a dispute over Vang's use of a tree stand on private property preceded the gunfire. Killed were Robert Croteau, 42, his son Joey, 20, Al Laski, 43; Mark Roidt, 28; and Jessica Willers, 27. Denney Drew, 55, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, his family announced. Willers' father, Terry Willers, remained hospitalized Tuesday in fair condition, while the other wounded hunter was released late Monday or early Tuesday.

Officials said the victims were part of a group of 14 or 15 who made their opening-weekend trip to Robert Croteau's 400-acre property an annual tradition.

When two or three hunters spotted a man in their hunting platform in a tree on Croteau's land, one of the men approached the intruder and asked him to leave.

"The suspect got down from the deer stand, walked 40 yards, fiddled with his rifle. He took the scope off his rifle, he turned and he opened fire on the group," Meier said.

One of the men called for help on his radio, but it was too late. The gunman fired

again, hitting the people who had just arrived on all-terrain vehicles, authorities said.

He was "chasing after them and killing them," Deputy Tim Zeigle said. "He hunted them down."

It is unclear whether anyone returned fire. The members of the hunting party had only one gun among them. Someone in the group wrote down the suspect's hunting license number.

Investigators said Vang was cooperating.

Some Hmong leaders questioned whether racial differences may have figured in the shootings; authorities have not determined a motive.

Sang Vang said his family was devastated, and that his brother has lived in the United States for more than 20 years and is a U.S. Army veteran.

## Texas mother charged with murder in baby daughter's death

BY LISA FALKENBERG

The Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — With a calm, dispassionate voice and a hymn playing in the background, Dena Schlosser confessed to the unthinkable, telling a 911 operator she'd cut off the arms of her baby girl.

The woman was sitting in her living room covered with blood when police arrived Monday. Her nearly 11-month-old daughter lay fatally injured in a crib in a bedroom of the family's apartment in Plano.

The child died shortly afterward at a hospital.

Police have charged the 35-year-old mother with capital murder, but declined to reveal where she is being held.

Schlosser, who had a history of postpartum depression, had been investigated on

child neglect allegations earlier this year, but Texas Child Protective Services had recently closed a

seven-month investigation, concluding that Schlosser did not pose a risk to her children. Neighbors said she seemed to be a loving, attentive mother.

"There were never any indications of violence with this family," agency spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales said, describing the children as healthy and happy.

But, on Monday, authorities discovered a grisly scene after the child's father called a day-care center and asked staff-

ers to check on his wife and daughter.

Day-care workers called 911 after talking to the mother; an operator then called Schlosser.

Asked if there was an emergency, Schlosser calmly responded "Yes," according to 911 tapes released by police.

"Exactly what happened?" the operator asked.

"I cut her arms off," Schlosser replied, as the hymn "He Touched Me" played in the background.

"You cut her arms off?" he repeated.

"Uh huh," she answered.

It was not immediately clear what instrument was used to sever the baby's arms or why the child's father called the day-care center. The name of the baby was not released.

Authorities said the two older daugh-

ters in the family, ages 6 and 9, were at school when police arrived, and that their father was at work.

No one answered the door Monday night at the family's apartment in suburban Dallas. Children's bicycles rested near the entrance along with angel garden statues.

Neighbors said Schlosser took her children swimming in the summer, had picnics in the courtyard and walked her baby around the complex the same time each afternoon.

Dena Livingston, 43, said she saw Schlosser making her rounds with the stroller on Sunday. Two days earlier, she saw Schlosser waiting with the baby outside the school her two other daughters attend.

"She didn't give off like she was in a distant world or didn't care about the baby," Livingston said.



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# CBS anchor Dan Rather says he will step down in March

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dan Rather, embattled anchor of the CBS Evening News, announced Tuesday that he will step down in March, on the 24th anniversary of taking over the job from Walter Cronkite.

The veteran anchor has been under fire in recent months for his role in a "60 Minutes Wednesday" story that questioned President Bush's service in the National Guard, which turned out to be based on allegedly forged documents.

Rather, 73, said he will continue to work for CBS, as a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes." He made no mention of the National Guard story in announcing the change, saying he had agreed with CBS executives last summer that after the Nov. 2 election would be the right time to leave.

"I have always been and remain a 'hard news' investigative reporter at heart," he said. "I now look forward to pouring my heart into that kind of reporting full time."

CBS did not mention a potential successor.

"He has been an eyewitness to the most important events for more than 40 years and played a crucial role in keeping the American public informed about those events and their larger significance," CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves said.

A report on what went wrong with the National Guard story, from a two-man independent investigative panel, is due imminently.

Rather anchored the story and initially defended it when it was criticized.

## Capital gears up for Christmas



Lynne Cheney, center, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, waves with Peter Nostrant, president of Christmas Pageant of Peace Inc., right, and her grandchildren after placing the star on the 2004 National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse near the White House on Tuesday. The official lighting of the tree will take place Dec. 2.

# Feds break up immigration fraud ring in Virginia

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A fraud ring operating in northern Virginia helped more than 1,000 Indonesian immigrants file bogus asylum applications in recent years, federal prosecutors said Monday.

Sixteen people were arrested Monday and 10 more are facing federal charges, including asylum fraud and labor-certifica-

tion fraud.

The defendants all worked for companies that charged immigrants \$2,000 or more to help them with fraudulent asylum claims or to improperly obtain labor certifications or identification documents like Virginia driver's licenses.

Applicants were coached to tell authorities they had been beaten or raped by Muslims in Indonesia because they were ethnic Chinese or Christians. Their applications

contained bogus accounts of abuse that were identical on multiple applications.

"The stories of torture they fabricated were repeated word for word by immigrants who were coached to memorize them exactly," said U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty. McNulty's office has made immigration fraud a priority since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when it was discovered that seven of the 19 hijackers had fraudulently obtained Virginia driver's licenses.

The ringleader, prosecutors say, was Hans Gouw, 53, of Fairfax Station, an Indonesian citizen who himself was granted asylum in 1999.

Gouw and his sister — also an Indonesian citizen who had been granted asylum — were directors of the Chinese Indonesian American Society, which purportedly sought to help Indonesians immigrate to the United States, according to a court affidavit.

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# U2 plays surprise show in NYC

BY SAM DOLNICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the bright lights of lower Manhattan shining on the stage, the band U2 played a surprise outdoor concert in a waterfront park beneath the Brooklyn Bridge.

Although the MTV-organized show hadn't been publicly announced or advertised, thousands lined up Monday at the Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, a riverside park between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and across from the New York skyline.

Most people said they heard about the show through word-of-mouth or postings on U2 fans' Web sites. The concert was for an MTV special called "mtv-JAMMED: U2," set to air Dec. 10.

Led by frontman Bono, U2 played songs from its new album, "How to Dismantle an Atomic

Bomb." Although the album wasn't scheduled to be released until Tuesday, many fans had already downloaded the songs and sang along with the choruses.

Deb Pruitt, 47, left her home in Culpeper, Va., at 4 a.m. to see the concert. She met her daughter, Melissa, who was flown in from Los Angeles after winning a U2 raffle.

"It's totally worth it not to sleep

at all and drive eight hours to be here," said Deb Pruitt. "We're big fans."

Before the concert, U2 spent the day playing on the back of a flatbed truck that wound through city streets as a film crew shot the band for a new video.

When the waiting fans in Brooklyn saw the truck crossing the Manhattan Bridge with the band on board, they screamed and waved at the rockers.



AP

Thousands of people showed for a 30 minute free concert by U2 on Monday in Brooklyn, New York. U2 performed songs from their latest album "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb."

## 'Virgin Mary' sandwich sells on eBay for \$28,000

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A woman who said her 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich bore the image of the Virgin Mary will be getting a lot more bread after the item sold for \$28,000 on eBay.

GoldenPalace.com, an online casino, confirmed that it placed the winning bid, and company executives said they were willing to spend "as much as it took" to own the 10-year-old half-sandwich with a bite out of it.

"It's a part of pop culture that's immediately and widely recognizable," spokesman Monty Kerr told The Miami Herald. "We knew right away we wanted to have it."

Photos posted on eBay show what can be viewed as a woman's face emblazoned on the sandwich, a bite taken out of one end.

In a statement, GoldenPalace.com CEO Richard Rowe said he planned to use the sandwich to raise money for charity. Kerr and Steve Baker, CEO of GoldenPalace's management company, Cyberworld Group, flew to south Florida on Monday to make arrangements for a sandwich handover from its owner, Diana Duyser.

"I would like all people to know that I do believe that this is the Virgin Mary Mother of God," Duyser said in the casino's statement.

The online auction site initially pulled the sale, saying it didn't post joke items. The page was restored after the company was convinced that Duyser would deliver on the bid, said eBay spokesman Hani Durzy.

Duyser said she took a bite after making the sandwich 10 years ago and saw a face staring back at her. She put the sandwich in a clear plastic box with cotton balls and kept it on her night stand.

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# New video games sparking anger, controversy

## JFK assassination game called 'despicable'

BY JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

The Washington Post

Is this going too far? "JFK Reloaded," after all, is an online game that deals with the John F. Kennedy assassination and was made available Monday — the 41st anniversary of the president's death.

To have players pretend to be Lee Harvey Oswald, crouch on the sixth floor of the former Texas School Book Depository with a rifle, and fire those three shots is bad enough. But, for the game's critics, it gets worse. It cost \$10 to play, and the company that created it is supposedly offering a \$100,000 "reward" for the player who re-creates the exact timing and angle of the shots that killed the nation's 35th president.

"It's despicable," says David Smith, spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the late president's brother. "We're not commenting further."

Learning more about the game isn't easy.

Traffic Management Limited, the Scotland-based company that created what it calls a "docu-game," hasn't uttered much either. Numerous calls made Monday seeking comment were not returned.

But the New York Daily News and the Associated Press Monday quoted Kirk Ewing, the managing director of Traffic, as saying, "This new form of interactive entertainment brings history to life and will stimulate a

younger generation of players to take an interest in this fascinating episode of American history. We've created the game with the belief that Oswald was the only person that fired the shots on that day, although this re-creation proves how immensely difficult his task was."

The game capitalizes on the continued fascination with Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on a sunny fall afternoon in 1963. That day has been memorialized in best-selling books and popular films, including Oliver Stone's "JFK," which explored the conspiracy theories surrounding the event. The Warren Commission concluded in 1964 that the shots were fired from Oswald's gun.

Ian Bogost, the assistant professor in the digital media graduate program of the Georgia Institute of Technology, has watched the game's free demo and says he has played it.

Bogost, who also runs a year-old blog, [watercooler.games.org](http://watercooler.games.org) — for "video games with an agenda," he says — finds the negative reaction hypocritical.

The game's Web site, [JFKReloaded.com](http://JFKReloaded.com), is in the same vein, he says, as the first-person shooter game *Kuma War*. That game uses current topics — such as the Swift boat mission in Vietnam that won Sen. John Kerry a Silver Star and became a point of controversy in the presidential election — as a means for exploring head-line-grabbing issues, "another way to create a frame for understanding," Bogost says.

## S. Korea nixes game about U.S., N. Korea

BY JOSEPH GIORLONO

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — South Korea's Media Rating Board has refused to approve a new video game that bases its action scenarios on a U.S. conflict with North Korea.

As a result, the Korean game company that was to distribute "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2" has decided not to release the game. The game, ratings board members decided, goes "way too far" in its scenario.

"Ghost Recon 2" a first-person shooter game from Red Storm Entertainment, part of France-based Ubisoft Entertainment, was released in the United States this month on some platforms, and in the near future on others, including PCs.

The game is or will be available from numerous online retail outlets.

The game's scenario is rooted in a real-world, albeit somewhat unlikely, possibility. After a famine, a North Korean general diverts food aid to the military and slowly gains power. In response, China cuts off weapons sales and North Korea turns to Russia for a secret alliance.

The North Korean general takes over and invades China. Fearful of nuclear escalation, China seeks a multinational force to ease tensions on its border with North Korea. That's where the game player — part of the Special Forces "ghosts" — goes in. The mission: Take out the North Korean general and stop the advance. The scenario is an inverted version of the mission U.S. servicemen train for every day.

Instead of an invasion to the south, North Korea heads north.

When a preview of the game was shown at a Los Angeles video game exhibition earlier this year, it provoked the ire of the real North Korean leadership.

"Through propaganda, entertainment and movies, [Americans] have shown everyone their hatred for us," a North Korean government-run newspaper said. "This may be just a game to them now, but a war will not be a game for them later. In war, they will only face miserable defeat and gruesome deaths."

In an e-mail interview earlier this year, one of Red Storm Entertainment's game designers said the company seeks to create believable but fictitious war lines.

"When we developed the story background, we aimed at staying away from key current or specific events while still holding a realistic setting for a conflict," Christian Allen wrote. "Thus the idea of a famine that drives hard-line military members to start a conflict was chosen as our story line."

Past "Ghost Recon" settings have included the Georgian Republic, Ethiopia and Cuba, Allen wrote.

Game artists and designers do extensive research to ensure locations look and feel authentic, he said. A Chinese-American consultant helped to verify authenticity, he said, and one of the game artists has a South Korean background.

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# Thanksgiving travel may return to pre-9/11 level

BY BRAD FOSS

The Associated Press

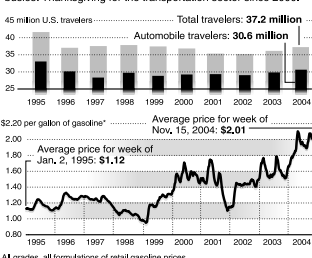
Consider these journeys: Dallas to Santa Fe, N.M.; Salt Lake City to Las Vegas; and Daytona Beach, Fla. to Washington, D.C. — in a car. These are the kinds of road trips some Americans are gearing up for as Thanksgiving approaches.

Even with gasoline prices almost a third higher than a year ago, 30.6 million people, or 3 percent more than in 2003, are expected to hit the road for a turkey dinner before the week is up. Another 6.6 million are likely to travel by plane, train or bus, adding up to what will be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000, according to a telephone survey conducted for AAA by the Travel Industry Association of America.

Thanksgiving is traditionally the peak business period for the airline industry, but passenger traffic fell sharply after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, accounting for the overall decline in holiday travel in 2001 and 2002. Airline traffic fell slightly in 2002 but, along with air traffic, has risen steadily since then.

## Possible pre-Sept. 11 level for travel

With 30.6 million expected to hit the road before week's end, and 6.6 million likely to travel by other means, this year may be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000.



\*All grades, all formulations of retail gasoline prices  
SOURCES: Department of Energy; AAA; Travel Industry Association of America

Guillermo Font will drive his Lincoln LS 1,600 miles from Debary, Fla., near Daytona Beach, to the nation's capital and back, to spend the holiday with his daughter. "I like to drive," said Font, a 71-year-old architect, who likes to "fool around" with his GPS system while listening to Latin ballads and classical music on the road. He figures on spending \$300 round trip for gasoline, food and an overnight stay in Lumber-

ton, N.C.

Paula Silsby of Portland, Maine, said as long as there isn't a snowstorm she looks forward to the annual three-hour pilgrimage north to her parents' home in Ellsworth. The 53-year-old Justice Department lawyer said she finds comfort in the ritual.

Sury Eisinger, a health care consultant from Dallas who is flying to Fairfax, Va., said she is dreading the crowded airports

and jammed security checkpoints. But she's doing what she can to minimize the stress.

"I'm going to get there early. I'll probably check in online to speed things up, and I'm getting dropped off at the airport so I don't have to deal with parking," Eisinger said.

That's probably a good idea, since airport parking lots are expected to fill up quickly and pre-flight screening lines are likely to be longer than usual, industry officials said. The steep drop-off in air travel that followed the 2001 terror attacks has gradually been reversed and AAA says this will be the first year since then that total Thanksgiving traffic — estimated to be 37.2 million Americans — will exceed the level of

36.8 million set in 2000. The heaviest Thanksgiving travel — 41.6 million Americans — occurred in 1995, according to AAA.

The Federal Aviation Administration said airports, runways and skies will be most crowded on Tuesday and Wednesday, with more than 51,000 flights each day. That said, American, the nation's largest carrier, is advising travelers to get to the airport more than 90 minutes before flight time due to the anticipated long waits at security checkpoints and check-in. Travelers with bags to check should give themselves even more of a cushion.

Associated Press Writers David Koenig in Dallas and Debbie Hummel in Salt Lake City contributed to this report.

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## WORLD

## Hostages in Afghanistan freed

Three U.N. workers released after kidnapping, four weeks of captivity

By STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan four weeks ago were released unharmed Tuesday, a day after a string of raids by U.S. and Afghan security forces.

The release was a relief to foreign aid workers and U.N. staffers among Kabul's 2,000-strong expatriate community, under virtual lockdown since the kidnapping. Large tracts of the country are already off-limits to relief workers because of a stubborn Taliban-led insurgency.

Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan, British-Irish citizen Annetta Flanagan and Shiye Hebbi of Kosovo were seized at gunpoint from a U.N. vehicle on Oct. 28 in Kabul.

They were first foreigners abducted in the Afghan capital since the Taliban fell three years ago, and their abductions raised fears that the Afghan capital could become prey to the kind of deadly kidnappings by insurgents that have plagued Iraq.

"They are out," U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said. "I'm told they are in good spirits and they seem to be fine."

Afghan Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said the trio were "abandoned in one location inside Kabul" at around 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Jalali said discussions had been held with the kidnappers but insisted no deal was done and that the releases were unconditional.

"All those people who had a hand in this — directly or indirectly — will be brought to justice," he said.

Jalali said it was "possible" that a Taliban-linked group which has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings had hired some criminals to abduct the three, who helped organize the country's Oct. 9 presidential elections.

The foreigners were freed a day after U.S. and Afghan forces raided two houses in downtown Kabul on Monday and detained 10 people in connection with the abductions.



Ruben Caronan, left, and daughter Alynne Marie, relatives of released hostage Angelito Nayan, are all smiles Tuesday after talking to reporters about their reactions in suburban Manila, Philippines.

Most of the detainees were released after being questioned, an Afghan intelligence official said, and it was not clear if the arrest of a doctor who worked at a U.N. clinic in the city had hastened the hostages' release.

Jalali also said one person was killed and four injured in another police operation linked to the kidnapping north of Kabul on Monday. He declined to give details, saying it could endanger efforts to round up more suspects.

Officials said the three U.N. workers underwent medical examinations at a NATO base in Kabul that showed all were well and were then given time to call relatives and friends and to relax.

"It's a very happy moment, but also a very private moment," said Almeida e Silva, the U.N. spokesman. He said all three would travel home to their families "very soon."

# Reports: Officials in Britain thwarted 9/11-style attacks

By THOMAS WAGNER

The Associated Press

LONDON — British security services thwarted planned Sept. 11-style terror attacks on Heathrow Airport and skyscrapers in Canary Wharf, a financial district of London, a television station and a newspaper reported.

But the reports, which quoted unidentified sources, did not say when or where the plots were uncovered, or how close they came to being carried out.

The plots to crash planes into the two high-profile targets were among four or five attacks planned by terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network that security chiefs believe they prevented, ITV News said Monday night and the Daily Mail newspaper reported in its Tuesday editions.

ITV News also said that British authorities had disrupted training programs for suicide pilots.

Officials at Britain's Home Office and Metropolitan Police in London refused to comment. A spokesman at Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said: "We never comment on security matters."

The Home Office and Britain's MIS domestic security service are responsible for protecting the country against terrorist attacks.

Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports. Canary Wharf, on the River Thames in east London, is the second-largest financial district in the capital and its three skyscrapers are

home to companies such as Citibank and HSBC bank.

A year and a half ago, Blair was accused of alarmism when British troops in armored vehicles surrounded Heathrow Airport.

Blair's government insisted that the dramatic action came in response to specific intelligence.

Last summer, Pakistan gave British officials intelligence suggesting that al-Qaida had plotted to attack Heathrow airport. The information was found on the computers of two accused members of Osama bin Laden's terror network arrested in Pakistan. The computers held images of Heathrow.

On Nov. 8, the head of the MIS, Eliza Manningham-Buller, said that counterterrorism efforts have helped to prevent attacks in Britain since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. She provided no details about such operations, but she said that Britons face a "serious and sustained threat" of terror attacks at home and abroad.

Sir John Stevens, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, recently complained that he was not able to publicly discuss anti-terror successes for security reasons.

The ITV and Daily Mail reports came one day before Blair's government planned to outline its legislative program for the coming year, with crime and security likely to be the focus. Plans for a national identity card in Britain were expected to be announced.

# Fatah party picks Abbas as presidential candidate

By MOHAMMED

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The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas told parliament on Tuesday that he would follow in Yasser Arafat's footsteps and demand that Israel recognize the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees.

Abbas spoke a day after a small group of leaders of the ruling Fatah movement chose him as its candidate in Jan. 9 elections for Palestinian Authority president.

The speech marked the first time since Arafat's death Nov. 11 that Abbas outlined his views on the conflict with Israel. Abbas appeared to be sending a message to Fatah's young guard that he would stand tough in future talks with Israel, despite his pragmatism and opposition to violence.

Abbas' ideas about a peace deal with Israel have always been close to those of Arafat: a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as a capital, and Israeli recognition of the "right of return" of some four million refugees and their descendants.

The refugee issue has contributed to the failure of previous peace talks. Israel has said it is willing to repatriate a few thousand refugees as a goodwill gesture, but that absorbing millions would destroy the Jewish character of the state.

At a memorial ceremony for Arafat at the Palestinian parliament, Abbas said he would walk in the footsteps of the late Palestinian leader. "We promise you (Arafat) that our heart will not rest until we achieve the right of return for our people and end the tragic refugee issue," he said.

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# Ukrainian opposition leader claims victory in vote

## Yushchenko takes symbolic oath of office in parliament

By ALEXANDER VASOVIC  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko defiantly claimed Ukraine's presidency Tuesday, taking a symbolic oath of office in parliament, as about 200,000 of his orange-clad supporters massed outside in the frigid streets of Kiev demanding the disputed election be overturned.

Yushchenko warned of "civil conflict" if he is not recognized as the country's new leader, accusing the government of rigging

Sunday's run-off in favor of pro-Kremlin Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

On the parliament floor, after a special session, Yushchenko approached the podium and swore an oath on a 300-year-old Bible as lawmakers looked on. "I am taking this oath," he shouted. "Bravo, Mr. President!"

Outside, throngs of his supporters massed behind metal barriers, holding a giant orange ribbon over their heads. They chanted "Criminals,

go away!" and "Yushchenko!" Some waved signs reading, "Today or Never."

Earlier, Yushchenko led the crowds in a march on the building, turning Kiev's narrow, brick streets into a sea of orange — the color of his campaign.

A huge crowd jammed Independence Square for a second straight night. Snow fell as Yushchenko's supporters waved flags and signs and chanted his name.

Four trucks with sand, which presumably could be deployed as barricades, were parked near the main square.

Several other trucks loaded with sand and concrete rubble were parked about 400 yards from the square, as were two buses full of men, one of whom described them as "volunteers to protect the constitution and pre-

vent a coup d'etat.

Ukrainian media reported that people from Donetsk, an industrial city in eastern Ukraine that supported Yanukovich, were being bused in to the capital.

"Ukraine is on the threshold of a civil conflict," the Western-leaning Yushchenko earlier told lawmakers in the chamber before his oath. "We have two choices: Either the answer will be given by the parliament, or the streets will give an answer."

The legislators had gathered for the emergency session to consider his request to annul the election results with a vote of no-confidence in the Central Election Commission, but it ended without taking any action. Only 191 lawmakers turned up, and support from at least 226 members of the 450-seat parliament was needed

for a motion to succeed. Many pro-Yanukovich legislators simply stayed away.

The parliament vote would have been nonbinding anyway because it was not initiated by the president, who supports Yushchenko's opponent.

Many of the legislators who did show up sported orange scarves or ribbons and urged him to take the oath of office. Yushchenko's supporters filled the gallery, chanting his name.

"All political forces should negotiate and solve the situation without blood," said Volodymyr Lityyn, speaker of parliament, appealing for calm.

"The activities of politicians and the government ... have divided society and brought people into the streets," Lityyn said. "Today there is a danger of activities moving beyond control."

## IMF: Gulf currencies should remain pegged to U.S. dollar

By ADNAN MALIK  
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Gulf countries should continue to peg their currencies to the U.S. dollar to help ease the transition to a planned single currency in the region, an International Monetary Fund official said Tuesday.

Continuing to peg their currencies to the dollar would "leave public policy makers on already familiar grounds and facilitate the transition" to a single currency for the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries, said Mohsin Khan, IMF director for the Middle East. Khan said once the new currency is adopted the countries could then consider a "cautious strategy" on exchange rate policy and possibly peg to other currencies, such as the euro, to promote growth.

In 2001, the six GCC countries agreed to adopt a single currency by 2010, similar to the euro in the European Union. They hope the

move will boost trade and economic integration in the region.

The GCC is a loose political and economic alliance comprising of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Since most exports and financial assets of the GCC have been dollar-denominated, the peg has assured external stability, said Khan.

Khan, speaking at a GCC monetary conference, said the move to the single currency would be difficult but possible if the countries have the "political will" to do so. Bahrain's Central Bank Governor Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa said the GCC countries remained committed to the unified currency.

"We are now reaching a point of making some essential decisions on the convergence criteria," said Sheikh Ahmed. "The creation of a unified currency will greatly increase the area's attractiveness as a destination for foreign direct investment."

## Dolphins shield humans from man-eating shark

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A pod of dolphins saved a group of swimmers from a predatory 10-foot great white shark off the northern New Zealand coast, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The unusual incident occurred Oct. 30 when lifeguard Rob Howes took his 15-year-old daughter Niccy and two of her friends swimming near the town of Whangarei, The Northern Advocate said.

The dolphins, "started to herd us up, they pushed all four of us together by doing tight circles around us," Howes told the newspaper. When Howes tried to break away from the protective group, two of the bigger dolphins herded him back, he said.

## Survey: Groping common among Tokyo trains

TOKYO — Nearly 64 percent of Japanese women in their 20s and 30s said in a survey they've been groped on trains, subways or at transit stations in Tokyo, according to a news report Tuesday.

In recent years "women only" cars have been used in December, when trains are often packed with drunken male office workers on their way home from company parties.

## U.S. consular office closes after receiving threat

BOMBAY, India — The U.S. Embassy closed its consular office in the coastal city of Bombay on Tuesday after receiving a threat of a possible terrorist attack.

"Although not specific, the information suggests that an attack could be aimed at U.S. interests in the cities of New Delhi or Bombay," said a statement issued by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.

From The Associated Press



President Bush, left, looks over to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, right, during a joint press conference at the Naval Academy on Monday in Cartagena, Colombia.

## Bush vows to keep aid flowing to Colombia to battle drug war

By TERENCE HUNT  
The Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia — Under a security web of warplanes, ships and 15,000 troops, President Bush praised Colombia's battle against drugs and Marxist guerrillas and pledged to keep U.S. aid flowing so "this courageous nation can win its war against narco-terrorism."

In a country that is the world's largest producer of cocaine and a major supplier of heroin, Bush said President Alvaro Uribe is achieving results with a massive aerial fumigation program against coca — the main ingredient in cocaine — and an aggressive military buildup against insurgents, who fund themselves through drug trafficking, kidnapping and extortion.

"The number of acres under cultivation are down significantly

ly," Bush said Monday, standing with Uribe in shirt sleeves at seaside lecterns. "The number of arrests are up. The number of murders is down. In other words, this man's plan is working."

Uribe said Colombia is winning the fight, but has not yet won.

"We have made progress but the serpent is still alive," Uribe said.

Bush left Cartagena for his Texas ranch to spend the Thanksgiving holiday, arriving in early evening. At Uribe's urging, he stopped off in this Caribbean seaport city after attending a summit in Chile of 21 Pacific Rim leaders. Security was tight.

U.S. Navy commandos, toting assault rifles and peering through binoculars, patrolled the Caribbean in rubber boats where submarines and ships already plied the waters. Warplanes and helicopters provided air cover while

15,000 Colombian security forces were deployed around the city for Bush's brief stay.

Bush was here to strengthen relations in Latin America, but he also responded to news from Iran, which claimed it had frozen all uranium enrichment activities. The United States believes Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

Sounding skeptical about Iran's claim, Bush said, "Well, let's say I hope it's true."

But unwilling to take Iran's word, Bush said, Iran must allow for verification of its claims. "I think the definition of truth is the willingness for the Iranian regime to allow for verification," the president said.

Since Uribe came to power two years ago, Plan Colombia has helped jail scores of traffickers and reduce the coca crop by 20 percent for two years in a row, according to the White House.







## OPINION

## With GOP victory, last Powell army retreats

The Washington was over foreign policy Powell may not have ended, but one side is clearly in retreat.

The departure of Colin Powell from the State Department and the purge at the CIA are clear signs that the realist camp is reeling.

**Daniel Snieder**

The ideologues and their two champions—Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld—stand triumphant.

The Bush administration has been fractured by the battle between these two camps. Advocates of diplomacy and alliances butted heads with fans of force and the unbridled exercise of American power.

Their policy war has taken place in very real ways. The realists lost the big one—the decision to go to war in Iraq. When it came to North Korea and Iran's nuclear weapons programs, the realists and the ideologues fought to a standstill, leaving the administration with no clear policy.

In the wake of the election, Powell, the anointed leader of the realist camp, went to the president and offered to stay on. He expressed "concerns" about the way national security policy has been made that, in the words of a senior State Department official, "may have sounded like conditions."

President Bush, however, had already taken sides. "The president basically wanted to clear this side of the house,"

the official told me.

Along with Powell, several senior officials will head out the door. Among them will be Powell's fierce ally and deputy, Rich Armitage, as well as Assistant Secretary of State Jim Kelly, who runs East Asia policy and is the chief negotiator with North Korea. Others will follow soon.

With the notable exception of North Korea, the ideologues in Asia to the realists. That's why American relations with that part of the globe are a bright spot for the Bush administration.

The American strategic partnership with India has deepened, while Armitage and friends deftly managed to keep Pakistan an ally in the war against Islamic extremism. This team elevated our alliance with Japan to near-British levels. And they did this while tightening ties with a rival rising Asian power, China, steering through some perilous waters on the way.

Less tangibly, but not less important, Powell restored the morale of the diplomats in the State Department. While it often is the target of cheap attacks, the Foreign Service represents an invaluable trove of knowledge, when a president chooses to use it.

Given all that, what does the replacement of Powell with Condoleezza Rice suggest? In policy terms, Rice has realist roots that are not that distant from Powell. But the former Stanford professor and Soviet specialist has been distinguished more during the past four years by her family-like ties with the president. She may have sided with Powell or with Cheney at different moments, but her allegiance is to Bush.

Powell has tried to reassure senior staff at State that having a secretary of State with



that kind of intimate access to the president can be an advantage. And it is not unprecedented. Henry Kissinger also moved from national security adviser to State during Nixon's second term. And Jim Baker went from White House insider to become George H.W. Bush's man at State.

But those precedents offer a cautionary note as well. Both Kissinger and Baker had little use for the State Department. They sat out there, along with a tight circle of aides, but did not empower the building. As Baker famously said, he was the White House's man in the State De-

partment, not the reverse.

Best case, Rice will draw upon State's well of expertise, particularly in areas such as Asia where she has little experience. But if I had to guess, the Rice era at State will be formed in the Baker mold.

Many at State have apparently reached the same conclusion. There have been a record number of retirements of senior officials this year, and a surge since Powell made his announcement. It is not yet a sinking ship, but they seem to be heading for drier ground.

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## Civil service in for much-needed rude awakening

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Strips Howard

Porter Goss, the new CIA director, is cleaning house. It's about time.

The next step is to apply his strategy—call it Gossification—to the rest of the federal bureaucracy.

Goss, an ex-CIA agent, had been chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and he knew that the agency was a nest not merely of spies but of devoted opponents of President Bush who were working to undermine him because they preferred to run their own foreign policy.

According to a recent column by Robert Novak, Goss got the green light from the president and from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "With links intended to harm the re-election campaign of the president of the United States," McCain said of the CIA, "it is not only dysfunctional but a rogue organization. ... It has to be cleaned out."

Goss removed the head of clandestine operations. The No. 2 CIA official resigned, along with four other senior officials. The new director issued a memorandum, stating, "I also intend to clarify beyond doubt the rules of the road. We support the administration and its policies in our work. As agency employees we do not identify with, support or champion opposition to the administration or its policies."

The memo brought yelps of protest from CIA leakers and their friends in the press. But Goss was right. In fact, it's time to apply Gossification to other anti-Bush strongholds, notably the State Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

With the election of Bush to a second term, Republicans will hold the White House for 20 of 28 years, the Senate, 16 years; the House, 12 years straight. But this sea change has had little effect on the executive branch itself. There are just 3,000 politi-

cian appointees, compared with a civil service of 1.8 million workers, "many of whom," writes Washington Post reporter Diana Milbank, "are impossible to fire."

Presidential nominees take an average of eight months to be approved by Congress. Worse, if not most, career civil servants at middle and upper levels resist implementing policies they don't like and do their best to shape their own.

Such bureaucrats often lean left—because federal jobs attract people who believe in a missionary government and because Democrats controlled Washington almost continuously for a half-century. But the White House seems finally to be making bureaucratic transformation a top priority.

The next target has to be State. My brief experience on an advisory board examining public diplomacy revealed Foreign Service officers seething with contempt for Bush, whom they consider an uncultured, unilateralist.

One of the first tasks of the newly nominated secretary, Condoleezza Rice, must be to lay down the law, Goss-style, at State.

For help, I hope she'll take John Bolton as deputy. Bolton, now an undersecretary, is the architect of the Proliferation Security Initiative, which The Wall Street Journal said "has arguably been Colin Powell's most important achievement at State."

Bolton, who was earlier my colleague at the American Enterprise Institute, has served in the executive branch for 16 years, and he's a brilliant bureaucratic navigator.

Indeed, the White House should put someone like Bolton in the No. 2 post of every department and key agency, with explicit responsibility for rooting out administration opponents and gaining control of policy. How to do that when bureaucrats have the equivalent of academic tenure? Make their lives miserable, transfer them or re-educate them. But don't leave them in place.

Particularly in need of transformation are the Labor Department, which is practically a union local; Justice; Treasury; Education; the Food and Drug Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; and the SEC.

In the past, activist Republican secretaries have gathered a coterie of like-minded political appointees and tried to run hostile departments on their own. But Rice's sweeping second-term policy proposals preclude a Fort Apache approach.

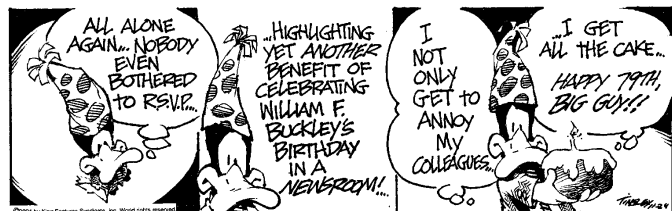
The attitude of many top bureaucrats can be summed up thus: "This is 'my' agency. The politicians are only renting a room for a while. I can ignore them and subvert them. Eventually, they will leave."

Such careerists won't be tamed easily. But the work needs to begin, and Porter Goss has shown the way. Other "rogue organizations," in McCain's felicitous phrase, are crying out for the same treatment.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Pesky cell phones

**NY** CENTRAL ISLIP — A 17-year-old girl was sentenced to 21 days in jail for contempt when her cell phone rang after a judge warned everyone in the courtroom to shut off all electronic devices.

Mariela Acevedo was in court when District Court Judge Salvatore Alania issued his warning.

"If you don't know how to shut it off, go outside and introduce it to the heel of your shoe," he said, according to a transcript reported in Newsday.

When Acevedo's phone subsequently sounded, Alania asked the teenager, "Did you think I was playing with you?"

When she told him she thought it had been turned off, the judge sentenced her to 21 days.

## Panhandler hit by truck

**AL** BIRMINGHAM — A truck driver gave a panhandler \$1, then struck and killed the man as he drove his rig away. Police said it was possible the driver didn't know what happened.

Michael Burns, 43, who had no known address, was standing near an interstate ramp and holding a cardboard sign: "Homeless. Need Help. God Bless."

Witnesses and police said a trucker who was stopped for a red light gave a dollar to Burns. As the truck started making a left turn, its trailer knocked Burns down, and two sets of the truck's tires ran over him.

The truck had no identifiable markings, and witnesses weren't able to get a tag number.

Officer Randall Ward said it appears to be an accident.

## Not promoting porn

**KS** SALINA — A man spent a week on the roof of one of two adult bookstores in town to protest a movement to have the stores investigated for obscenity.

Ray Morris, 38, came down from his perch on top of Behind Closed Doors after staying in a tent there for a week.

"I can't stress enough that I am not promoting porn," Morris said. "I'm promoting the idea of choice. Everyone has a right to choose whether they want to enter these stores."

Some local residents are gathering signatures in a petition drive to force a grand jury to investigate whether Behind Closed Doors and another store, Priscilla's, are promoting obscenity by selling sex products.

## Lost purse returned

**WY** CASPER — Two college students returned a lost purse to its owner, not knowing the handbag contained her life savings of \$43,000.

Derek Hepner and Adam Simanton spotted the purse lying in the gutter of a Casper street as they drove past. They pulled out the wallet, an Arizona driver's license and immediately took the purse to police.

What they didn't see was an envelope containing \$43,000 in cash that was the owner's life savings, police Sgt. Larry Baker said.

The owner had been traveling through Casper and apparently



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misplaced her purse during a stop, police said.

The woman phoned Hepner to inform him of a \$200 reward for the two Casper College students. Hepner is studying criminal justice, and Simanton plans to be a lawyer.

## Birthday party death

**NM** LAS CRUCES — A junior at New Mexico State University died after his 21st birthday celebration led to alcohol poisoning, according to the university.

Steven Judd of El Paso, Texas, marked his birthday with other Delta Chi fraternity members at two Las Cruces bars, police Lt. Randy Lara said.

Fraternity members called for help after finding Judd unconscious and not breathing. He died the next day.

Lara said police have no evidence of foul play or hazing.

NMSU has begun an investigation and has informed the national Delta Chi organization of the incident, university spokeswoman Maureen Howard said.

## Shortcut to the mall

**VT** SOUTH BURLINGTON — The city is opening an unpaved shortcut to the University Mall and Dorset Street to help ease traffic congestion during the holiday shopping season.



## Nintendo is back

Shitiana Mathews, 14, right, and her sister Ty Mathews, 10, both of Los Angeles, try out the new Nintendo DS video game system prior to the first sales in North America at EB Games in the Universal CityWalk in Los Angeles.

The unpaved Market Street, an east-west street that connects Dorset Street with Hinesburg Road, will close again after the holidays because it is not in good enough shape to withstand the heavy snowfalling likely required in January, said City Planner Juli Beth Hinds.

Market Street is a key part of South Burlington's envisioned downtown. The city will hire a consultant to conduct a market study to show what type of development would be sustainable in downtown, which is bordered by Dorset Street, Hinesburg Road, Kennedy Drive and Williston Road.

## Missile silos for sale

**MO** WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE — Warnings against digging more than two feet into the ground because of cancer-causing chemicals haven't stopped people from buying 130 of the 150 former missile silos the federal government is selling in Missouri.

The Air Force removed the solid-fueled Minuteman II missiles and destroyed the underground silos years ago, but the soil is still contaminated with fuel, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, found in waterproof coatings on the silos and underground fuel storage tanks.

Much of the property is being bought back by the farmers who owned the land before the government took it 40 years ago to install the silos.

Some farmers said they purchased the plots just to ensure that no one else grabbed them.

## Tiger injures owner

**FL** ST. AUGUSTINE — The owner of a wildlife sanctuary was injured by a 350-pound Siberian tiger when the animal was startled by a 14-year-old boy, officials said.

Curt LoGiudice jumped between the tiger and the boy, who was uninjured but knocked to the ground with LoGiudice.

St. Johns County Sheriff's deputies had to shoot the animal twice with stun guns to get it to release LoGiudice, who kept his grip on the tiger's leash and was able to calm it down and take it back to his sanctuary before driving himself to a hospital.

LoGiudice suffered a puncture wound on one eye lid and behind one ear, according to the police report.

## Girl sexually assaulted

**MN** HASTINGS — A man convicted of raping a teenage girl in 1994 has been charged with sexually assaulting a 9-year-old girl after a judge gave him custody of her last month.

Justin P. Farnsworth, 31, was charged with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving the daughter of his ex-girlfriend.

The ex-girlfriend, who lived three hours away in Minnesota, agreed last month that Farnsworth could keep the 9-year-old as well as the couple's two younger daughters, court records show. The three girls had lived with him for more than a year.

There is no indication that the younger girls were abused, said Hastings Sgt. Jim Rognotti.



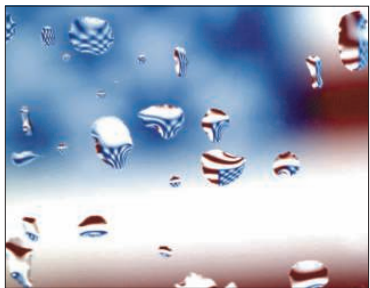
I see you...

A yellow Labrador retriever peers out a hole in the yard fence at a house in Baton Rouge, La.



## Cleaning up

Ubaldo Rubio, left, and Ricardo Hernandez, employees of International Building Services in Atlanta, wash windows at the federal building in Oxford, Miss.



## Patriotic reflections

Water droplets on a window reflect the American flag painted on the side of Artique Frame Palette on Market Street in Hannibal, Mo.



**Dancing colors** Angelie Vasquez, left, and other members of the Millennia Dance Team, from the Fame Performing Arts Center, perform during the second annual Walk Thru The Arts at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, Fla.



**Tall Teddy** Allison Fahrenholz, 4, poses for a photo with Corduroy the bear, a character from a children's book series, during Children's Book Week at the Penfield Public Library in Penfield, N.Y.



**Behind the Brits** Tad Patton, 13, wears a mask with the flag of the United Kingdom during the Mobile International Festival at the Mobile Civic Center in Mobile, Ala.



**Snow won't stop me** An ATV rider makes his way down a snow covered street in Yucaipa, Calif.

## Let's flip for it

**OR** PRAIRIE CITY — A professional blackjack dealer had "Lady Luck" on his side when he won a coin toss to decide who would be the next mayor of this small ranching community.

Jim Hamsher, 39, and former mayor Paul Woodworth, 80, each received 125 votes Nov. 2 as write-in candidates for mayor of Prairie City.

Both candidates agreed to a coin toss to determine the winner. Hamsher called "heads" as City Recorder Diane Clingman flipped a commemorative rodeo medal with a bucking horse on one side and the year on the other.

The horse landed up, giving Hamsher the victory.

## Holiday free speech

**RI** CRANSTON — The holiday decorations display at City Hall that included more than a dozen plastic pink flamingos in Santa hats didn't break laws governing the separation of church and state, but Mayor Stephen Laffey's regulation of what was put in last winter's exhibit did violate free speech provisions, a federal judge has ruled.

Judge William Smith said he couldn't find any religious purpose in the mayor's decorating efforts, but did find that Laffey's policy of reviewing items for their appropriateness acted to restrain free speech, and therefore violated the First Amendment.

Last winter, Laffey encouraged residents to put seasonal displays he deemed appropriate on City Hall's front lawn. First a menorah went up, then an inflatable snowman and Santa Claus, and after that a Nativity scene appeared. Then, a flock of plastic flamingos showed up, courtesy of the Church of the Pink Flamingo.

## Doctor charged in death

**UT** PROVO — A practitioner of alternative medicine who allegedly discouraged a woman with breast cancer from getting chemotherapy has been charged in her death.

David Eugene Pontius, 61, was charged with unlawful and unprofessional conduct for treating the woman for six months before she died Oct. 20. He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted on all three counts.

Diane Shepherd allegedly refused chemotherapy and surgery from her physician and instead relied on Pontius' holistic treatment after being diagnosed with cancer in April, according to court documents.

Pontius allegedly determined that Shepherd's cancer developed because of gangrene and mercury poisoning in her teeth. His treatment included chiropractic adjustments and a diet with apricot kernels.

## Politics is for girls

**LA** BATON ROUGE — With his grandmother as an example, 4-year-old David Boulet sees the state's top job as women's work.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco told The Advocate of Baton Rouge that David Boulet, Monique Blanco Boulet, recently asked David what he

wants to be when he grows up. He wasn't sure, so Boulet offered some suggestions: Soldier? Firefighter? Policeman? Airplane pilot? None of them excited David. His mother finally asked, "Well, how about governor?"

David looked at her, exasperated.

"Mom," he said, "I'm a boy."

## Asphalt scandal

**IL** CHICAGO — Federal officials charged a city employee with engineering a series of deals in which hundreds of tons of city-owned asphalt were traded for payoffs from private contractors.

In at least three instances, big loads of stolen asphalt were hauled to private jobs by drivers who were being paid by the city through a scandal-plagued program to outsource hauling jobs, federal prosecutors said.

Patrick Stillo, 50, the foreman of a city asphalt-expansion crew, was arrested and charged with bribery. He was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

An FBI affidavit accompanying the criminal complaint quoted a truck driver who served as an undercover cooperating witness as saying Stillo authorized him to deliver city-owned asphalt to private contractors.

## Booth letter sells big

**MA** BOSTON — A letter written by President Lincoln's assassin two months before the 1865 slaying sold at auction for a record \$68,000.

In the letter, dated Feb. 9, 1865, John Wilkes Booth asks a friend to send him one of his favorite pictures of himself, the one that later was used in his wanted poster.

The previous high for a Booth letter was \$38,000, according to Stuart Whitehurst, vice president of Skinner Inc. auctioneers.

There are just 17 Booth letters not owned by institutions, Whitehurst said. This letter was addressed to family friend Orlando Tompkins of Boston. He tells Tompkins he "will get any letter sent to Ford's Theatre."

## Sport utility vandalism

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A graduate student was convicted of setting fire to dozens of sport utility vehicles in an attack by radical environmentalists that caused \$2.3 million in damage.

William Jensen Cottrell, 24, was found guilty of conspiracy and arson. The jury acquitted him of a more serious charge of attempting to use a destructive device — Molotov cocktails. That charge carried at least 30 years in prison.

He could get at least five years behind bars at sentencing March 12.

Cottrell, a doctoral candidate at the California Institute of Technology, was charged in a 2003 fire-bombing and vandalism spree at auto dealerships and homes in the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles.

About 125 vehicles were damaged or destroyed. The vandals spray-painted polluter and "snog machine" on some vehicles, along with "ELF," for the radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front.

Stories and photos from wire services



## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Stanley	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	30-Minute Meals	Jocelyndy
9:30 Sogno-Samuel	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Food 511	Jocelyndy
10:00 Between the Lions (E)	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Sensational CMC	Jocelyndy
11:00 Sogno-Samuel	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Flash File	Jocelyndy
11:30 Stanley "Cuddly Prig"	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	El News Live	Jocelyndy
12:00 Dora the Explorer	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The King of Queens	Jocelyndy
12:30 The Wrights	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	That '70s Show	Jocelyndy
13:00 Bob the Builder	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Charm'd: Mary Go-Round	Jocelyndy
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Las Vegas: Family Jewels	Jocelyndy
14:00 Blue's Clues	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Ally McBeal: In Search of Pyg	Jocelyndy
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Any Day Now: 'Life Isn't Fair'	Jocelyndy
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	ER: It's All in Your Head	Jocelyndy
15:30 Full House	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Law & Order: Briscoe and Cusack	Jocelyndy
16:00 Pokemon	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Amazing Race	Jocelyndy
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 2)	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
17:00 Inside the Actors Studio	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Everybody Loves Raymond	Jocelyndy
17:30 Rocket Power	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Amazing Race	Jocelyndy
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
18:30 Rugrats: Jonathan Babysits	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Everybody Loves Raymond	Jocelyndy
19:00 Even Stevens	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Amazing Race	Jocelyndy
19:30 Kenan & Kel	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
20:00 Gilmore Girls: Sade, Sade, (Part 1 of 2)	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Everybody Loves Raymond	Jocelyndy
21:00 Degraded: Next	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
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22:00 The Cosby Show	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
22:30 Home Improvement	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Everybody Loves Raymond	Jocelyndy
23:00 Touched by an Angel: "All Risk"	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	The Simpsons	Jocelyndy
23:30 In Action	Movie *** "The Good Fairy" (1989) Mary Tyler Moore. A selfish drop-out dies at the age of 19.	Dr. Phil	Jocelyndy	Nightline	Women's College Basketball	Everybody Loves Raymond	Jocelyndy

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00:00 Hey Arnold!	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
00:30 Rocket Power (Part 2 of 2)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
1:30 Rugrats: Medieval Fair	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
2:00 Even Stevens	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
2:30 Kenan & Kel	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
3:00 Gilmore Girls: Sade, Sade, (Part 1 of 2)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
3:30 Barney & Friends	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
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5:00 Sesame Street (E)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
5:30 Barney & Friends	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
6:00 Blue's Clues (E)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
6:30 Dragon Tales	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
7:00 Between the Lions	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
7:30 Bob the Builder	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
8:00 Madeline and Her Friends	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
8:30 Winnie the Pooh	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
9:00 Movie *** "Pocahontas"	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
9:30 Home Improvement	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
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10:30 Sister, Sister (Part 1 of 2)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
11:00 Buffy: Bunnies Thawing	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
11:30 Hey Arnold! Thanksgiving	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
12:00 Sister, Sister (Part 2 of 2)	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
12:30 Happy Days	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
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20:00 7th Heaven: "Back in the Saddle Again"	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
21:00 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie *** "The Money Pit" (1986) Wesley Snipes. A bargain man tries to make his money.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Baseball	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
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## FACES

## He'll play only at home

Dennis Rodman is playing basketball again in a bid to return to the NBA, but for now he's not venturing far from his California home.

Rodman's debut with the Orange County Crush of the American Basketball Association begins next month. But his contract is only for home games.

Rodman, 43, "doesn't want to deal with all the hoopla that comes along with being Dennis Rodman when he travels," said Shanteau, his publicist.

Still, the seven-time rebounding champion will leave home for some things: At the moment he's in Houston shooting a television commercial to be aired during the Super Bowl, Barr said.

The Crush has its first game Sunday but Rodman won't even start practice for another week to 10 days. The first home game is Dec. 9.

## Motherhood's the prize

Diana Ross looked every inch the diva as she pulled up to Muncie College in St. Paul, Minn., in a black stretch limo and got out wrapped in a thick fur coat and wearing dark sunglasses.

Striding across a specially red carpet leading to the school auditorium, Ross beamed as she accepted a bouquet of white roses and signed record albums held out for her autograph.

But inside the small music conservatory, where a new full scholarship was named in her honor Saturday, Ross told an audience of more than 100 students that it's not divaism that defines her — it's motherhood.

"I'm more a mom than I am a celebrity, even though I know you know me as a celebrity. I'm a mother first," she said.

## Sidekick signs deal

Robin Quivers, shock jock Howard Stern's longtime sidekick, is making a solo move to wave television.

Quivers has signed a deal with Sony Pictures Television to develop a syndicated talk show for daytime TV, the company announced Monday.

The potential series could debut by fall 2005. Quivers will continue her work on Stern's radio show while developing her TV show, Sony said.

There was no indication whether she planned to remain with Stern if her show gets a green light. A call to her manager in New York was not immediately returned Monday.

Quivers, a former nurse in the Air Force who achieved the rank of captain, began her radio career in Washington, D.C., in 1980 and teamed with Stern the next year.

In October, Stern announced a deal with Sirius Satellite Radio to make his program in January 2006 from traditional broadcasting to satellite distribution — and away from regulation.

From The Associated Press

# TOBY KEITH

## Let's talk about him — the Oklahoma boy

BY JULIE E. BISBEE

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Toby Keith didn't have to go to Nashville to become a country music superstar. Nashville came to Oklahoma.

Keith — who recently won two American Music Awards — has never strayed too far from his Sooner State roots, working long days in oil fields, playing semi-professional football and raising racehorses.

"Most artists moved to Nashville," Keith said recently, lounging on a leather couch in his tour bus. "I never did have an address there. I was there for one day and never felt the need for more."

Instead of traveling to the Tennessee country music mecca, he honed his craft in the whiskey halls and bars of the Southwest for nearly a decade.

Keith, whose hits include "I Wanna Talk

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*I was there for one day and never felt the need for more."*

**Toby Keith**

About Me," and "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," began playing guitar at age 8 after receiving one for Christmas. Later, he toured with his band Easy Money — in between playing semi-professional football for the Oklahoma Drillers and then a short stint with the Oklahoma Outlaws.

When the Outlaws failed and his football career was finally over, Keith put his energy into his music.

He toured 51 weeks a year, hitting honky-tonks and music halls from Oklahoma to Texas to Colorado.

"It was the only way we could make enough money," he said.

"Nothing ain't worth having if it's not worth fighting for. I was only going to do it for 10 years and it was getting pretty close."

But before he could quit and head back to the oil fields of Oklahoma, he got a deal with Mercury Records.

"They came to me," he says with a smirk. Keith put out three albums with Mercury before switching to DreamWorks, which allowed him the freedom to record the witty, occasionally redneck lyrics that have become anthems for country fans and non-fans alike.

Keith doesn't mince words when describing Nashville and the industry he says has reluctantly embraced him. Despite nearly two dozen country award nominations, he's only taken home a handful.

In 2003, the Academy of Country Music named him Entertainer of the Year — but he wasn't there to pick it up. Thinking his chances were slim, he left the ceremony to work on a song with Willie Nelson.

"The awards are kind of like the All-Star game," Keith said.

"You take your turn at bat, smile and give everybody the finger and leave."

That's Keith for you — honest and blunt. That grit translates into his drinking anthems, his ballads and his collection of post-Sept. 11, 2001, patriotic songs.

Keith has written nearly all the songs he's recorded and says he writes when he gets the inspiration.

"I'll do it for five minutes here, or I'll be thinking about while I'm in the shower," Keith said. "I never could write by appointment."

Straightforward lyrics and edgy guitar riffs have given him staying power.

"It was important everybody speak their mind," Keith said. "But if you're going to speak up, at least have something to say."

Recently, Keith's been talking about a lot more than music in his home state.

As a horseman, he championed a proposal recently approved by voters that expands casino-like gambling to the state's struggling horse racing tracks. Keith also stumped for a measure to create a lottery to fund public education.

"Everybody needs to try to make a difference and they have a responsibility to stay up on current events," Keith said. "I can be a difference-maker and I try to be."

Standing 6-foot-4 with blonde curls peeking out from his weathered cowboy hat, Keith was frequently seen on the campaign trail this fall. He's supported several Democrats, including Oklahoma

ma's Democratic Gov. Brad Henry.

"I campaign for my friends, people I can trust," said Keith, who is a registered Democrat in Oklahoma but nonetheless supported President Bush.

"I think Toby is passionate about Oklahoma and truly wants to make the state a better place," Oklahoma's governor said. "Instead of sitting on the sidelines, he's gotten involved in issues he believes are important."

Keith is keeping his wealth in Oklahoma. He and his family live near Norman, home to Keith's beloved University of Oklahoma Sooners.

His latest project is a \$4.7 million restaurant and music hall in Oklahoma City's fledgling entertainment district, Bricktown.

The venture, "Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill," will seat up to 600 people and is expected to be a stopping spot

for touring acts. Keith recently opened a similar bar in Las Vegas and plans for bars in North Kansas City, Mo., and Shreveport, La., are in the works.

"It's a great chance to help support Bricktown and what they're trying to do down there," Keith said. "The whole concept reflects my passion for Oklahoma and where everyone will feel comfortable."



Toby Keith performs Nov. 14 during the 32nd annual American Music Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

AP



# Horoscope

The sun squares Uranus, and Venus times the revolutionary planet. A jolt could cause a degree of personal discomfort but may nonetheless be terrific for a relationship. The connection between raised levels of anxiety and passionate excitement cannot be denied. It's being unsure about what's going to happen next that makes love such a rush.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(November 24).** Your talents are recognized this year. New partners in business are featured next month — your financial sector flourishes when you join a winning team. Loved ones bend over backward to make you happy through January, but it's when you reciprocate that you get an incredible influx of luck. Public mention boosts business in February.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

When the sun is shining down nicely on a relationship, it seems to you to be a good moment to provoke a storm. That's why loving you is such an adventure. Be aware of what you're doing and your motivation.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You've got nothing to lose by being optimistic, but being shy could damage your chance at succeeding in business. Anything to keep others from pigeonholing your talent will be lucky. An association with a Virgo is key.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Many new demands come into your world, and the old ones aren't going anywhere. The result is a glut of sorts. If you keep your optimism, people and events organize themselves without your having to figure it all out.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Just as the moon glows in the reflection of the sun, you glow in the reflection of someone who is a star in your life. Giving to someone else helps you know, and find a deeper love for, yourself.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

As your career lapses along at a sluggish pace, a friend's career may be taking off like a rocket. You would

benefit from marketing yourself differently, which may be complex or as simple as buying a spiffy jacket.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Stay out of the family drama. Don't even give an opinion! You're tight-lipped because you know those with loose lips lose friends. Unverified rumors, half-truths and innuendoes abound. Set the record straight.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

An opinion you hold that once seemed relevant — or necessary even — now appears to be dead wrong. No amount of convincing will make it right. Just drop it. Tonight, a love story will be whispered to you.

## Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Receive as readily as you give! You could make a love connection by flirting outrageously. That pricey item you'd like to splurge on will come down in price if you just wait it out another few weeks.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

An irritation between loved ones need only last a few minutes, but it could go on all day if you let it. A happy resolution is at hand the moment you outline the problem and make a new agreement.

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Winning is not as important as having fun. At work, a lot of talk flies around, and you are easily persuaded by what you hear. Consider the source. Someone is trying to get your attention with a subtle and lovely gesture.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Relationships take a tip down memory lane. A question once posed by fictional relationship columnist Carrie Bradshaw comes to mind: Can you get to the future if you stay in the present? You'll find out tonight.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

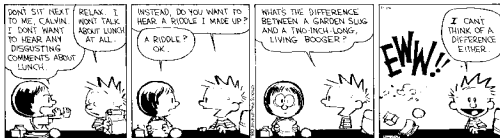
Self-determination is the key word. Think for yourself, and gain recognition as an independent problem solver. That doesn't mean you shouldn't stay in the loop, though! Take time to absorb the latest input from friends.

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## Holiday Mathis



## Calvin and Hobbes



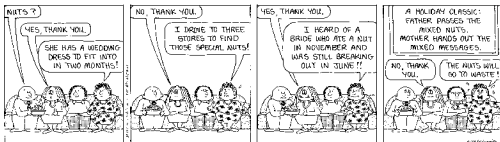
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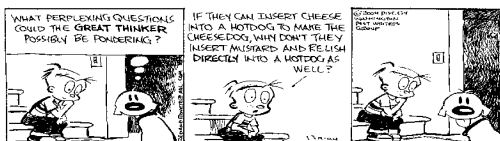
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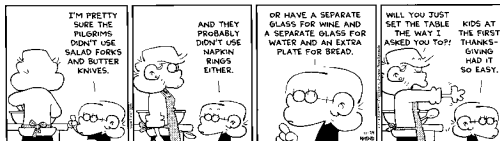
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Fotrot



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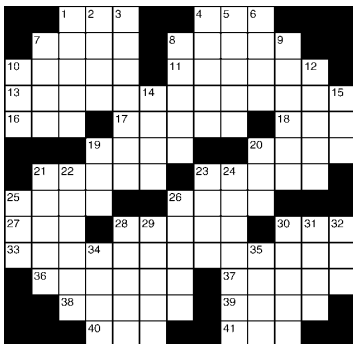
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

1 Concorde letters

4 — glance

7 "Fish Magic"

8 Profession

10 Physique

11 Shocked

13 Chairs, sofa, etc.

16 Exploit

17 Single-handedly

18 Bam's aunt

19 "Boy! Did — a

Wrong Number"

20 Unsignified (Abbr.)

21 Babe Ruth wore it

23 Green Party

25 Pan foe

26 Drill

27 Completely

28 Cheer up

30 Samuel's teacher

33 It's often seen

with 13-Across

36 J.R. Ewing et al.

37 Comes in last

38 Beetle with a

beat

39 Eternally

40 General on

Chinese menus

41 Clinton's

instrument

## Down

1 Drudge

2 Big rig

3 Adolescent

4 Inert gas

5 Resort lake

6 Leading man

7 Barbara's "A Star

Is Born" co-star

8 Pack to the

future?

9 Ancient ascetic

10 Winter wear

12 Pavarotti, e.g.

14 Merrimack

15 Panythos

19 Annon

20 Lemon drink

series

21 Apartment

sign

22 Cry out

23 Reply to the

Little Red Hen

24 Cactus buds

25 Hedda Hopper

trademark

26 — profundo

28 Commerce

Secretary Don

29 Jargon

30 County of

England

31 Amorous gaze

32 — a Wonderful

Life"

34 Freeway sign

35 PBS science

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## 11-24

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# Patriots push aside Chiefs

## Brady, Dillon help depleted N.E. outscore Kansas City

BY DOUG TUCKER

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A beat-up Trent Green walked across the Arrowhead Stadium turf to shake Tom Brady's hand.

"You guys have a great team," the Kansas City quarterback told his New England counterpart, "I don't know how else to say it."

Whether they were on offense, defense or special teams, nothing the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots did seemed particularly spectacular. It was just solid.

Brady was especially effective, throwing for 315 yards in a 27-19 victory Monday night over the host Chiefs.

"Now I can see why they're 9-1," said Green, who threw for 381 yards and two touchdowns. "It's not as swagger or anything like that. They just feel really good about what they're doing."

Why shouldn't they? The defending Super Bowl champions have won 24 of 25 games.

Green completed a scoring strike to Eddie Kennison — a 65-yard pass that covered more ground than any the Chiefs have had in over a year. But it wasn't enough.

The Patriots took a 7-0 lead on their first possession when Corey Dillon scored on a 5-yard run, and wrapped up the win with an 11-play, 54-yard drive capped by Adam Vinatieri's 28-yard field goal with 1:46 to play.

In between, the Chiefs (3-7) failed time after time to wrest the momentum away.

"It's a tough place to come in



New England's Corey Dillon (28), stiff-arming Kansas City linebacker Kawika Mitchell (50), rushed for 98 yards and two TDs, but his fourth-quarter fumble deep in Chiefs territory kept Kansas City in the game.

here and play," New England coach Bill Belichick said. "I thought our players really did a good job of standing up to the adversity here, the hostile crowd and all that. These people really support their team."

Dillon wound up with 98 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries.

Deion Branch caught six passes for 105 yards. Daniel Graham had a 48-yard reception, and David Patten had a 46-yarder.

"It's the first time I've had a chance to play against Brady," Chiefs linebacker Scott Fujita said. "He just carries himself real well. He sees defenses real well. You can feel the confidence in the whole team. It was impressive."

New England won its third straight since its NFL-record 21-game winning streak was snapped last month in Pittsburgh.

"We're still trying to improve," Brady said. "We left some points out on the field tonight. I think everyone's just glad we won this game."

The Patriots' defense also contributed by shutting down a Kansas City running game missing Priest Holmes, who was out for the second straight week because of a knee injury. The Chiefs gained just 64 yards rushing, exactly 100 yards less than their average coming into the game.

Derrick Baylock, who had 186 yards against New Orleans last weekend in his first NFL start, managed only 58 yards on 19 carries against the Pats.

"I thought we would be able to run it better than we did," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said.

Green also had a 26-yard TD pass to Kennison, as the Patriots played without starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole.

The second score to Kennison came after Dillon, who also had a 1-yard touchdown run, fumbled at the Kansas City 3.

Green then dove the Chiefs 97 yards, capped by Kennison's 26-yard scoring pass. But a two-point conversion attempt failed.

Kansas City was poised to score at the end of the first half but Green's pass into the end zone to tight end Tony Gonzalez was intercepted by Rodney Harrison with 43 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Chiefs thought interference should have been called.

"You saw the play, didn't you?" Vermeil said when asked about the no-call. "I'm not going to say anything about it. It was a low throw and it shouldn't have been a low throw. It normally is high and to the back of the end zone or out."

## NFL scoreboard

### American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	1	0	.900	254	171
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	212	165
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	180	183
Miami	1	9	0	.100	140	219
<b>South</b>						
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	229	220
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	196	181
Houston	4	6	0	.400	186	239
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	186	212
<b>North</b>						
Pittsburgh	9	1	0	.900	240	161
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	204	140
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	183	158
Cleveland	3	7	0	.300	177	208
<b>West</b>						
Denver	7	3	0	.700	233	167
San Diego	7	3	0	.700	205	190
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	176	215
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	182	270

### National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	266	158
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	196	172
Dallas	4	6	0	.400	172	262
Washington	3	7	0	.300	131	178
<b>South</b>						
Atlanta	8	2	0	.800	208	194
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	211	288
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	176	182
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	196	222
<b>North</b>						
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	256	230
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	264	245
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	163	200
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	183	216
<b>West</b>						
Seattle	4	6	0	.400	203	285
Los Angeles	4	6	0	.400	177	214
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	147	214
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	175	296

### Sunday's games

Baltimore 30, Dallas 10	Buffalo 37, St. Louis 17
Indianapolis 41, Chicago 10	Philadelphia 24, New Orleans 13
N.Y. Jets 10, Cleveland 7	Carolina 35, Arizona 10
Tennessee 18, Jacksonville 15	Minnesota 22, Detroit 19
Seattle 24, Miami 10	Tampa Bay 35, San Francisco 3
Green Bay 23, Oakland 17	Atlanta 14, N.Y. Giants 10
Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 6	Green Bay 16, Houston 13

New England 27, Kansas City 19  
 Indianapolis 21, Detroit 13  
 Kansas City at Dallas

<b>Tuesday, Nov. 23</b>	Tennessee at Houston
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
San Francisco at Seattle	San Diego at Carolina
Tampa Bay at Kansas City	Jacksonville at Minnesota
New Orleans at Atlanta	Buffalo at Seattle
N.Y. Jets at Arizona	San Francisco at Baltimore
Baltimore at New England	Oakland at Denver

Monday  
 St. Louis at Green Bay

**Patriots 27, Chiefs 19**  
 New England 27, Kansas City 19

**First Quarter**  
 NE—Dillon 5 (Vinatieri kick), 10:29.

KC—FG Tynes 47:47.  
 KC—Kennison 65 pass from T.Green (Tynes kick), 3:41.

**Second Quarter**  
 NE—Dillon 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 8:27.  
 KC—FG Vinatieri 37:52.

**Third Quarter**  
 KC—FG Tynes 24:45.  
 NE—Kennison 26 pass from Brady (Vinatieri kick), 4:54.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 KC—Kennison 36 pass from T.Green (pass failed), 6:13.  
 NE—FG Vinatieri 28:14; 1:45.

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	NE	KC
First downs	21	20
Total Net Yards	407	417
Rushes-yards	32-98	20-64
Passing	309	363
Turnovers	3	3
Kick Returns	5-94	6-156
Punt Returns	1-12	1-0
Scored-Att Int	17-26-0	27-41-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-6-0	4-28
Fumbles-Lost	2-6-0	3-10-0
Penalties-Yards	25-7-50	22-7-50
Time of Possession	27:59	32:01

**INJURY STATISTICS**  
 RUSHING—New England: Trent Green, 14; Brady 5 (minus 1). Kansas City: QB Jeff Garcia (shoulder) out for the season; OT Brad Hopkins (broken hand) out for Sunday.

PASSING—New England: Brady 17-of-26-315.

RECEIVING—New England: Brady 6-105, Gronkowski 2-20, Brown 2-20, Patten 1-46, Dillon 1-20, Faulk 1-14, Owens 1-1.

KANSAS CITY: Brown 2-20, Dillon 1-20, Faulk 1-23, Owens 1-1, Richardson 1-33, Kennison 3-99, Hall 1-23, Givens 1-17.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

# R. Moss targeting a return this week

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss is expected back on the field this week for the Minnesota Vikings, provided his strained right hamstring doesn't swell.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday a reasonable plan for Moss in Sunday's game against Jacksonville is 25 plays, mostly in three-receiver formations.

Since sustaining the injury Oct. 17 at New Orleans, Moss twice made token appearances without catching a pass and did not dress for the past three games.

Moss, who has been running routes on the side for the past week, looked good in an intense workout Monday morning to test his strength and endurance. Tice and team trainers want to make sure the leg doesn't swell on Thursday before allowing him to practice.

He'll be listed as doubtful, for now.

"Hopefully as the week progresses we'll be able to fix that and turn it into questionable, probable," Tice said. "We'll see."

Pro Bowl center Matt Birk, who has been playing with intense abdominal pain, might

## NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Friday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.)

**Browns:** OT Ryan Tucker (torn knee ligament) out for the season; QB Jeff Garcia (shoulder) day-to-day.

**Colts:** S Bob Sanders (sprained knee ligament) out 3-6 weeks; SS Mike Doss (groin) probable.

**Packers:** RB Walter Williams (sprained ankle) likely out for Sunday; RB Adrian Green (sprained ankle) likely out for Sunday; FB Nick Hill (shoulder); RB Najeh Davenport (knee) likely out for Sunday.

**Seahawks:** QB Matt Hasselbeck (hip bruise) questionable; CB Chad Brown (arthroscopic knee surgery) out up to 10 weeks.

**Titans:** CB Andre Woolfolk (dislocated wrist) out for the season; OT Brad Hopkins (broken hand) out for Sunday; DT Albert Haynesworth (dislocated elbow) unlikely to play Sunday.

have to sit out a game or two next month to let the injury calm. He's expected to play against the Jaguars, though.

## Leftwich: I'll start this week at Minnesota

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Byron Leftwich expects to return to the starting lineup Sunday when the Jacksonville Jaguars play at Minnesota.

But coach Jack Del Rio, isn't so sure.

"Unless we have a major setback, I believe

I'll be playing this week," said Leftwich, who has missed the past two games with a knee injury. "The key is not to go out there and just jump at it."

Del Rio said Monday he's taking a more patient approach.

"He threw a couple passes last week in practice and appears to be on track to be able to return this week," Del Rio said. "I know Byron is anxious to get back. I'll know more as we get closer to Wednesday."

## Harrington retains starting job for Lions

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Another lackluster game has not cost Joey Harrington his job as starting quarterback.

Harrington was 12 of 19 for 91 yards with one touchdown and one interception in a 22-19 loss to Minnesota.

"I know that we came unraveled as a team toward the end of that game, but that was not all Joey Harrington," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said Monday.

Though Harrington has thrown just two touchdowns and three interceptions in the past three games, Mariucci said he did not plan to replace him with backup Mike McMahon.

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# Cowboys QB Henson seems likely to start

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys rookie Drew Henson will make his first NFL start Thursday, barring a miraculous recovery by injured quarterback Vinny Testaverde.

Cochill Bill Parcells, who has been reluctant to play Henson unless forced, said Tuesday that there was "a good chance" Henson would start the Thanksgiving Day game against Chicago.

Parcells said Henson would take most of the snaps in practice Tuesday and would start the game "unless things change appreciably with Vinny."

The 41-year-old Testaverde has a sore right shoulder and sore back. He was hurt during the fourth quarter Sunday when Baltimore defensive tackle Kelly Gregg landed on him.

Henson hasn't started a game at quarterback in nearly four years, since his junior season at Michigan.

"This is what I've been waiting for, it's a chance to go out there today," Henson said Tuesday. "I'm preparing today and tomorrow as if it will happen. It will be a great opportunity and something I'll definitely remember."

Testaverde wasn't available for comment. The Cowboys (3-7) had only an extended walkthrough practice Monday. They began the accelerated process of implementing the game plan Tuesday.

"There's no more pressure than

what I expect. It's always been that way," Henson said. "It's more of an opportunity and an excitement thing than feeling pressure."

After leaving Michigan, Henson spent three summers playing pro baseball in the New York Yankees organization. When he showed an interest in playing football again, the Houston Texans drafted him in 2003, and traded him to the Cowboys last spring.

Henson played quarterback in the NFL for the first time Sunday after Testaverde was hurt. His only action for the Cowboys until then had been as a holder on kicks.

Henson's first play resulted in a fumble when a blown blocking assignment let a defender touch him. But he came back and completed all six of his passes, including a 1-yard TD toss to end a 16-play, 80-yard drive in the Cowboys' 30-10 loss.

The Cowboys have lost six of their past seven games, four by at least 20 points.



Drew Henson has not started a game since 2000, his junior season at Michigan.

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Chester Taylor, middle, will be the centerpiece of Baltimore's running game if 2003 rushing champ Jamal Lewis (ankle) is unable to play.

## Life without Lewis

### Ravens face more adversity as star RB might miss game at N.E.

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens have become accustomed to overcoming injuries and off-the-field problems this season, so there was no sense of panic upon learning that running back Jamal Lewis could miss this week's game against the New England Patriots.

Lewis hurt his right ankle during the first quarter of Sunday's 30-10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys and did not return. He underwent tests Monday, and his status will be determined this week.

Cochill Brian Billick said it's possible that Lewis, who ran for 2,066 yards last year, could be lost for two weeks. He would be replaced by Chester Taylor, who filled in earlier this season while Lewis served a two-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rules.

Soon after Lewis left Sunday, third-stringer Musa Smith broke his right leg and was lost for the season. The Ravens will probably try to add another running back this week.

If Lewis can't play, Baltimore will proceed without him. That's the stance the Ravens took during his suspension, and that's how they've dealt with injuries to tight end Todd Heap, linebacker Peter Boulianne, cornerback Chris McAlister, offensive tackle Jonathan Ogden, nickel back Deion Sanders, defensive tackle Kelly Gregg, receiver Travis Taylor and center Mike Flynn.

"Our mantra has been, the next man's got to step up," Billick said Monday. "At some point, you

keep thinking it's going to even out and we're not going to have to address that from one week to the next, but so far that hasn't been the case."

Lewis returned to the sideline in the second half Sunday and volunteered to back up Chester Taylor, but Billick decided not to use Lewis unless he was needed. He was not, mainly because quarterback Kyle Boller picked apart the Dallas defense.

Although Boller has gone three straight games without throwing an interception and went 23 for 34 for 222 yards against the Cowboys, Billick is worried about a running game that gained only 59 yards on 21 tries Sunday. Taylor was limited to 33 yards on 15 carries after Lewis got only 5 yards on two attempts.

"We're not running the ball as well as we need to, and that's a concern," Billick said.

Injuries are part of the problem, but there is no solution for that.

"You can say that as soon as it's all settled down, then we'll be able to get back to running the ball the way we have," Billick said. "Well, it's not going to settle down in the near future."

Ogden returned Sunday after missing three games with a hamstring pull. McAlister (shoulder injury) and Sanders (two) are expected to return against New England. Heap will likely need one more week to recover from the sprained ankle that has kept him sidelined since Sept. 19.

During Heap's absence, reserves Darnell Dinkins and Daniel Wilcox have performed well. Dinkins had three catches for 40 yards and a touchdown against the Cowboys, and Wilcox ranks fourth on the team with 17 receptions.

That's one reason the Ravens (7-3) have their best record ever after 10 games. Their final six games include road games against division leaders New England, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh.

"The equation has always been win at home — and we've been pretty good that way — and we've got to steal something on the road in the next three games," Billick said. "One or all, but at least one."

# Seahawks' Robinson suspended four games

BY TIM KORTE

The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks receiver Koren Robinson was suspended without pay Monday for the next four games for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rules.

Robinson will sit out home games against Buffalo and Dallas, as well as games at Minnesota and the New York Jets. He is eligible to return for Dec. 26 for a home game against Arizona.

NFL career receiving leader Jerry Rice, who started and had three receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown in Sunday's 24-17 victory over Miami, will take over Robinson's position.

"You just have to keep going," Rice said. "Koren is a great receiver. We wish we had him coming back this week. We've got to have all the guys fill in and somehow keep this ship afloat."

Robinson was at team headquarters Monday, but declined comment.

He isn't expected to address the suspension or speak to reporters until he's eligible to play.

"Typically, he can come back and overcome this and be the player he can be," Rice said. "I have never seen a guy with so much size and so much speed and so much talent and so much talent to keep working with him and hopefully it rubs off on him."

Robinson also sat out the Miami game, but coach Mike Holmgren said that was punishment for violating undisclosed team rules and was not related to the NFL suspension.

Holmgren acknowledged Robinson traveled to New York last week on an off day for Seahawks players to attend a suspension.

This isn't Robinson's first brush with trouble.

The ninth overall pick of the 2001 draft, Robinson was suspended for a game at Arizona last season after missing a team meeting. In February 2003, he was arrested outside a bar in Raleigh, N.C., for failure to disperse.

Holmgren has joked in the past that he installed digital clocks throughout the building at Seahawks headquarters to help Robinson respond to meetings on time.

"It's very disappointing to see wonderful potential lost like that," Holmgren said Monday. "Is he going to rebound off this? Yes, but this is a missed time. You just want the lights to go on for some of these young guys, and have them understand how fortunate they are to be doing what they're doing."

Robinson has slumped in his fourth NFL season, catching 31 passes for 495 yards and two touchdowns. He also has been plagued by dropped passes — a recurring problem for Seattle's receivers.

Robinson appeared poised for a breakout after his second NFL season, when he started 16 games and had 78 receptions for 1,240 yards, ranking second to Steve Largent's club-record 1,287 yards.

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# HorNETS hold off Jazz for first win of season

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY**—The New Orleans Hornets' win over the Utah Jazz wasn't just any old victory. It moved the team out of a small club it never wanted to be in.

Jamaal Magloire led New Orleans with 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Hornets became the second-to-last NBA team to win this season when they knocked off the Jazz 76-75 on Monday night.

Now they're 1-8 — one win ahead of the lowly Chicago Bulls (0-9).

"We leave all that to Chicago now," said P.J. Brown, who had nine rebounds.

The Bulls lost to the Phoenix Suns Monday night.

The Hornets outplayed the Jazz in the first half and held off several late attempts by Utah to steal the victory.

Lee Nelson, who scored 16 points in his first start for the Hornets, went straight to coach Byron Scott after Gordon Girick shot bounced off the rim at the buzzer. He gave him a big hug to celebrate Scott's first win with New Orleans.

Darrell Armstrong made sure to grab the game ball before heading to the locker

## NBA roundup

room. "It's Byron's night," said Armstrong, who had 10 points. "We gave the game ball to Coach. First game ball with the team."

New Orleans gave Utah several opportunities in the fourth, but the Jazz couldn't convert. Andrei Kirilenko missed two free throws with 4.4 seconds left, and Girick nearly nailed his jumper at the buzzer.

"We had ample opportunities to win the game," Utah's Carlos Boozer said. "This one hurt a little bit."

New Orleans held Utah to 12 points in the fourth quarter, and forced the Jazz into a 26-for-68 shooting night from the floor.

The Hornets also spoiled the evening for a sellout crowd of 19,111 on the night John Stockton's No. 12 was retired by the Jazz.

Utah rallied from a 19-point deficit in the second half and led briefly down the stretch, but couldn't sustain the momentum.

Kirilenko led Utah with 18 points, nine rebounds and seven blocks, but he didn't

score in the fourth quarter. Boozer had 10 rebounds for Utah, Mehmet Okur and Carlos Arroyo scored 10 points apiece, and Arroyo added seven assists.

"They were desperate to win a ballgame and they found a team that couldn't stand the pressure," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. The Stockton celebration was about all Jazz fans had to cheer until late in the third quarter, when Utah got back into the game.

The Jazz rallied to tie it at 69 on a three-point play by Arroyo.

**Suns 100, Bulls 82:** Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire scored 21 points apiece, and the Suns made sure visiting Chicago remained the NBA's only winless team.

Ben Gordon scored 20 points for the Bulls, who matched a franchise record for consecutive losses to start a season. The Bulls also opened 0-9 in the 1967-68 season.

Marion added a season-high 16 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 15 points and six assists for the Suns, who have won five straight.

**Timberwolves 83, Mavericks 82:** Kevin

Garnett made two free throws with 59 seconds left before Trenton Hasselbeck Jerry Stackhouse's long jumper at the buzzer, giving the visiting Timberwolves a victory in the "New Year's Eve" all-star game without forward Dirk Nowitzki.

Garnett finished with 21 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists, just missing his first triple-double of the season. Sam Cassell added 16.

Josh Howard led Dallas with 22 points, tying the career high he set two games before.

Nowitzki had an MRI Monday that showed a mild sprain. He will miss four or five games.

**Grizzlies 93, Spurs 90:** Bonzi Wells had 26 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with less than a minute left, to lead the host Grizzlies.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points and nine rebounds, and Tony Parker added 18 points.

Playing at the Paus Gasol, the Grizzlies used a 12-3 start in the third period to take the lead and held off a push by San Antonio down the stretch.

# No charges yet for Detroit fans, but one ticket holder is banned

BY SARAH KARUSH

The Associated Press

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** — Investigators interviewed nine people injured in the brawl at the game of the Pistons-Pacers game, but no charges were imminent in the case, the county prosecutor said Monday.

There also were reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from Friday night's melee, when Indiana forward Ron Artest charged into the stands after a fan threw a cup at him.

If charges are filed, they probably would be for assault and battery, a misdemeanor that could bring a three-month jail sentence, said David Gorceyca, the Oakland County prosecutor. The only possible felony charge could be against the person who hurled a chair into the crowd.

Police Chief Doreen Olko said none of the people involved was seriously injured.

Asked if Artest could claim self-defense, Gorceyca said: "Even if someone did throw water, you don't have a license or a green light to punch them."

John Green of West Bloomfield Township was the fan who threw the cup at Artest, Gorceyca said. The prosecutor identified Green — a former next-door neighbor — by repeatedly watching footage from the brawl. He said footage showed that once Artest was in the stands, Green grabbed him from behind and sucker-punched him.

Green, however, told reporters he didn't throw the cup.

"I wish the whole thing didn't happen," he said. "I'm sure the NBA players got that involved in it wish it never happened, the

fans never wished that it had happened. I know I didn't. It was awful, it was ugly."

Pistons chief executive Tom Wilson said Green is a season ticket holder who will be banned from the Palace.

On Sunday, the NBA suspended Artest for the rest of the season.

The league also suspended Indiana's Stephen Jackson for 30 games and teammate Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace, whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the five-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers guard Anthony Johnson got five games.

Four players — Indiana's Reggie Miller, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, Elden Campbell and Derrick Coleman — were suspended one game apiece for leaving the bench during the initial fight.

# Rubble: injured Pacers to return soon

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they guys in the locker room," Reggie Miller said. "If [there is] any time to come together, it's now."

Suddenly, a team that was getting by on sheer talent early in the season now has very little margin for error.

"The message that's being put out there is no one's going to feel sorry for us. When we go to play these other teams, they're not going to take it easy on us," Cross said. "We just have to go out and do things a little more exact, a little harder and be better than we otherwise would be."

Pacers President Larry Bird expects an effort similar to the inspired performance that six healthy and eligible players delivered in an 86-83 loss Saturday.

"We've had a lot of guys that

have sat on the bench for a lot of years here and didn't get the opportunity to play," Bird said. "They're getting the opportunity now. Help's on the way."

Miller, Johnson, Scott Pollard and Jeff Foster are all on the mend and could return in the coming weeks.

But even when they do, the Pacers will still be without their three best players.

"That's their first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth option," Pistons guard Richard Hamilton said.

But Carlisle, who called the suspended "tougher than I think most people expected," remained optimistic.

"There's a long way to go here," Carlisle said. "We're steadfast in our approach of, 'If we're in this to win games, we're

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	4	5	.440
Brooklyn	4	5	.440
New York	4	5	.440
Philadelphia	4	5	.440
New Jersey	7	2	.778

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Miami	8	3	.727
Orlando	5	6	.455
Washington	4	7	.364
Atlanta	1	12	.077
Charlotte	1	12	.077

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	3	7	.300
Cleveland	6	4	.600
Chicago	5	5	.500
Milwaukee	3	7	.300
Chicago	2	8	.200

Western Conference			
Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	8	4	.667
Dallas	6	6	.500
Phoenix	5	7	.417
Memphis	5	7	.417
New Orleans	5	7	.417

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Seattle	6	6	.500
Minnesota	6	6	.500
Utah	5	7	.417
Denver	5	7	.417

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	9	2	.818
Sacramento	4	7	.364
L.A. Lakers	6	5	.545
Golden State	5	6	.455
Golden State	2	8	.200

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Phoenix 106, Chicago 82			

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Golden State at Golden State			

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Vikings fans hold a sign promising no beer throwing, an apparent reference to the melee in Detroit between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons.

## NBA has a bad connection

The NBA's problems cut deeper than image, go further than the fighting in Detroit, and can't be solved simply by suspensions.

Commissioner David Stern made a start by swiftly dishing out strong punishment to all the players involved in the worst brawl with fans in league history.

Those suspensions were right on target, even if the players' association and Indiana Pacers disagree and succeed in shortening them.

It would be easy to dismiss this incident as an aberration, to point to the thousands of other games that have been played without similar problems. But to do that would be to ignore the steady ratcheting up of player-fan hostility in all sports and the underlying issues that are particular to the NBA.

The NBA can trot out figures that would dispute any notion of its decline: solid attendance, steady TV ratings, lucrative sponsorships and advertising deals, strong licensing revenues, broader interest worldwide.

Yet it would be a mistake for Stern to take smug satisfaction in that and try to patch over the current flare-up with the suspensions and some beefed-up security.

There is a growing disconnect between many fans and the NBA, whose American players, perhaps more than those in any other sport, are perceived as arrogant, selfish and overpaid. Those images were reinforced this summer by the U.S. team at the Athens Olympics.

Though there are surely many players, perhaps the majority, who don't fit that characterization, the attention drawn by the likes of Latrell Sprewell, Allen Iverson, Ron Artest and, during the past year, Kobe Bryant, have weighed heavily on the league.

Steve Wilstein



popularity among white fans and surged among black fans, according to research by the Sports Marketing Group in Atlanta.

In a nationwide study of Americans in 1993, 62 percent of whites said they loved or liked the NBA. By 2003, that dropped to 50 percent. Viewed a different way, whites who said they hated or disliked the league rose from 21 percent in 1993 to 30 percent in 2003.

By contrast, the percentage of black Americans who loved or liked the NBA rose from 62 percent in 1993 to 92 percent a decade later. Blacks who hated or disliked the league hardly changed, going from 4.3 percent to 2.9 percent.

The NBA should study those figures without drawing the wrong conclusions. They don't suggest any resentment by whites against the league simply because the majority of players are black. Nor do they suggest that the league would have fewer problems if more players were white.

Larry Bird took some heat last season when he said that a few more white superstars would be "good for a fan base because... the majority of the fans are white America." He was probably right, though Stern disagreed.

In 1993, the NBA was coming off the success of the original Dream Team at the Barcelona Olympics. Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan were as popular

among whites as blacks. Charles Barkley, for all the controversy he stirred and the elbows he threw, was a likable player with a sense of humor. Race wasn't a big issue then.

What the numbers suggest is that many white fans have been turned off by some high-profile players. There's a sense that too many are jumping straight from high school, tattooed and bejeweled, and that they have an attitude of entitlement along with huge egos.

As salaries, ticket prices and cable/satellite charges rise, the resentment is growing.

That, in part, is why so many Americans were glad to see the U.S. basketball team get its comeuppance in Athens. It is also, in part, what drives fans to scream epithets at players during games.

When players break the rules or the law, fans react with repugnance. When Sprewell choked a coach or complains that he needs more millions to feed his family, he doesn't just turn off fans, he infuriates them. When Artest and the other Pacers went into the stands throwing punches wildly, no matter the provocation from a few idiotic fans, they reinforce a sense of players out of control.

Stern needs to make all the players understand what's at stake — the league's integrity. The issue now is no less critical to the NBA than the cocaine problems of the 1980s.

If NBA teams can't restrain themselves from drafting players out of high school, they should at least make an effort to give them extra counseling and encourage them to continue their education in the offseason.

Stern can't afford to ignore any idea that will take the NBA off its self-destructive path.

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## Artest says penalty ending year unfair

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest said Tuesday he wishes he hadn't gotten into a fight with fans but feels his season-ending suspension was too harsh.

"I don't think it was fair — that many games," Artest said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "I respect [NBA Commissioner] David Stern's decisions, but I don't think I should have been out for the whole season."

It was Artest's first national interview since he was suspended for fighting with fans late in Friday night's game against the Detroit Pistons. The interview was simulcast on RadioNow 93.1 in Indianapolis.

On Sunday, Stern suspended Artest for the rest of the season and gave four other Pacers shorter bans, including Stephen Jackson (30 games) and Jermaine O'Neal (25 games). All suspensions stemming from the fight are without pay. Artest, who was suspended for a total of 73 games, stands to lose nearly \$5 million this season.

Artest bolted into the stands after being hit by a cup thrown by a fan, touching off a brawl in which players exchanged punches with fans, who also threw drinks, got a chair and other debris at the Pacers.

"I wish that situation never happened," Artest said. "It wasn't good at all, for anybody..."

## Unapologetic Wallace accepts suspension

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Detroit's Ben Wallace will not appeal the six-game suspension the NBA gave him for his involvement in Friday night's brawl with the Indiana Pacers and fans.

"When things like that happen, you've got to protect the league," Wallace said Monday, the day after NBA Commissioner David Stern suspended nine players for their part in the melee. "You can't have guys going out reacting the way we did."

The brawl started when Indiana's Ron Artest fouled Wallace from behind with the Pacers leading by 15 with 45.9 seconds left. It quickly escalated when Wallace retaliated by delivering a hard, two-handed shove to Artest's chin.

After the players were separated, a fan hit Artest in the face with a full cup, and he ran into the stands to confront the fan, he thought hit him. The fracas later spilled onto the court, where Artest punched one fan and teammate Jermaine O'Neal slugged another.

Wallace, who said Saturday he didn't regret anything he did, was

"This is the third time that I've been hit with something out of the crowd," said Artest, who claimed he had been struck previously in Detroit and in Cleveland.

Artest said Monday night that he hoped to be back with the Pacers for the playoffs, despite the suspension.

"I have so much confidence in my squad and I have confidence I'll be back," Artest said on local radio station WHHH. "I'm out for the season, but I'm hoping to be back for the playoffs."

Union director Billy Hunter said it would have been appropriate for the NBA to suspend Artest through the All-Star break in February and require anger management counseling.

"I think 35 games would have been appropriate. I think 73 is excessive," Hunter said on "Today."

The union was preparing to file an appeal with Stern, who has sole discretion over penalties for on-court behavior.

During the televised interview, Artest played a new CD from a group on his record label three times and wore a T-shirt and hat emblazoned with the logo of True Warrior Records.

Artest said he had no ill will toward Detroit's Ben Wallace, who got things started when he shoved Artest after a foul late in the game.

"Wallace just had a death in the family, so I'm understanding," he said Monday night on WHHH radio in Indianapolis.

asked again whether he wished he had done anything differently.

"Any time you have a chance to stop and look at the situation and see what happened, you could say you could've done this different or that different," the two-time All-Star and defensive player of the year said. "But in the heat of the moment, things happen."

"We're all human. We react different under different circumstances. It was one of those things that was unfortunate."

The NBA suspended Artest for the rest of the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games and O'Neal for 25.

Does Wallace feel any compassion for Artest?

"Life is too short to be feeling sorry," he said. "Things happen and you've got to be responsible for your actions. I don't feel sorry for him."

Wallace can practice with the Pistons during his suspension, but can't be in any arena they're playing in for the next seven to within two hours of a game or during it.

Wallace will be eligible to return next week. The 36-year-old will earn \$400,000 of the \$6 million he was due to make this season.

# Spurrier set to take over for Holtz at South Carolina

By PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Steve Spurrier is set to take over at South Carolina after college trustees agreed Tuesday to hire the former Florida coach.

Spurrier replaces Lou Holtz, who resigned Monday. The school scheduled a news conference for Tuesday afternoon to formally introduce Spurrier.

Spurrier would return to college football after a three-year absence. He was coach of the Washington Redskins for two seasons after leaving Florida, going 12-20 before resigning. Spurrier won the 1996 national championship and six Southeastern Conference titles while with the Gators.

The of ball coach met with the Gamecocks on Tuesday morning.

Players said Spurrier told them he wanted to bring fun back to the game.

Spurrier's hiring had been expected for nearly a week.

There was much speculation that Spurrier would return to Florida next season, following the recent firing of Ron Zook. But Spurrier pulled out of the running, saying 12 years at the school was probably enough.

Next season, Florida is scheduled to play at South Carolina on Nov. 12.

Spurrier, 59, went 20-13-1 in three seasons at Duke before taking over at Florida, his alma mater, in 1990. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and departed with the best winning percentage in league history.

The 67-year-old Holtz kicked things off Monday, on one of the strangest days in South Carolina football history. Holtz made official what he hinted about for weeks, and retired after 33 seasons.

Then came the news that South Carolina and rival Clemson, both 6-5, would forego bowl bids because of a brawl late in the Tigers' 29-7 victory Saturday.

Holtz leaves with 249 victories, eighth-most in Division I-A, and a reputation for turning stumbling programs into winners. At each of his six schools — William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame and South Carolina — Holtz went to bowl games with his second season.

His greatest accomplishment came in 1988, when he led Notre

Dame to the national title only three seasons after the disastrous Gerry Faust era ended.

"Lou Holtz has been one of the great coaches in college football history," said Florida State's Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in Division I. "He has brought a lot to the game and has coached some great teams. It will seem strange without him."

His latest reconstruction project at South Carolina was nearly as remarkable. He came out of retirement in 1998 at age 61 to rebuild the Gamecocks. After going 0-11 his first season in Columbia, Holtz brought South Carolina to its best two-year mark in history (17-7) and won consecutive Outback Bowls.

"I don't know where I'm going to go. I don't know what I'm going to do. I have faith in the Lord to help him lead me. As long as my family's with me, everything else will be OK," Holtz said.

"But I do feel confident leaving here that the football program is on a firm foundation."

Spurrier will try to build on Holtz's work.

Holtz didn't mention good friend Spurrier by name Monday, but said his replacement "was a very well-known, proven winner ... that I play golf with."

## Outsiders clouding bowl picture

By WENDELL BARNHOUSE  
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Rarely has the Bowl Championship Series provided this kind of intrigue. Inactive, yes. But not intriguing.

The outcome of Friday's Texas-Texas A&M game could be nationally significant outside the Lone Star State. The Rose Bowl is sweating enough to irrigate a ... rose garden. And the possibility of two — yes, "two" — non-BCS teams qualifying for BCS bowls is increasing.

Intriguing, right?

Week Six of the BCS standings had Utah as a solid No. 6, Boise State at No. 7 and Louisville at No. 10. There have never been three non-BCS teams in the top 10 in any previous week of the BCS standings.

The 11-0 Utes appear to be a lock to earn an at-large bid to a BCS game because the rules say any non-BCS team ranked sixth or higher gets an invitation. The rules also say if two non-BCS teams are ranked sixth or higher, both get the two BCS at-large bids.

"We've got three teams that are very close to breaking through," Big 12 Conference commissioner and BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said Monday. "We don't see that as a bad-news story. I think it's confirmation that the system hasn't been limiting in any way."

For Boise State or Louisville to move into the top six, both would need teams above them to lose. No. 4 Cal plays at Southern Miss on Dec. 4. No. 5 Texas plays at Texas A&M on Friday. No. 8 Miami (Fla.) plays Georgia Tech on Dec. 9. 9 Miami (Fla.) plays Virginia Tech on Dec. 4.

It would take a perfect storm for all of those BCS-ranked teams to lose, but it's possible.

If both Utah and Boise State finish in the top six to earn BCS at-large bids, the Rose Bowl would be unable to invite California and stage the traditional game between Pac-10 and Big Ten teams (Michigan will represent the Big Ten in Pasadena).

There were reports over the weekend that the



Boise State could create more problems for the BCS by joining Utah as non-BCS teams in the bowl lineup.

Rose Bowl was planning to invite Cal no matter where the Bears end up ranked. Non-champions from BCS leagues that finish No. 3 or No. 4 in the final BCS standings are guaranteed an at-large bid (assuming there aren't two at-large bids going to non-BCS teams finishing in the top six).

Texas appears unable to catch Cal in the BCS standings. But if that happens or if Cal loses to Southern Miss and stays in the BCS top 12 (and, hence, eligible to be selected as an at-large team), would the Rose ignore the rules and select Cal over a Texas team ranked No. 4?

"I've heard those reports, but I think the Rose Bowl understands the selections, and they would adhere to them," Weiberg said.

Until the scores become final on Dec. 4, the intrigue will continue.



Quarterback Aaron Polanco has directed Navy to its second straight bowl game. The Mids will play in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 30.

## Navy accepts offer from Emerald Bowl

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Navy accepted an invitation to the Emerald Bowl, putting the Midshipmen in the postseason in consecutive years for just the second time in school history.

Navy (8-2) will play either New Mexico (7-4) or Wyoming (6-5) of the Mountain West Conference, athletic director Chet Gladchuk said Monday.

It will be Navy's 11th bowl appearance. The Midshipmen lost to Texas Tech in last season's Houston Bowl.

"These young men have earned this through their dedication in the weight room and on the practice field," third-year coach Paul Johnson said in a statement.

A victory over Army (2-8) on Dec. 4 would give Navy nine regular-season wins for the first time since 1963.

The Emerald Bowl, which pays \$750,000 per team, invited Navy after Emerald Bowl Executive Director Gary Cavalli met Sunday with Gladchuk.

"Navy's got a heck of a football team, a national following and has a great television audience and brings a lot of pageantry to our game," Cavalli said. "Navy has the whole package, and the way they played against Rutgers was the caper for me."

The game will be played on Dec. 30 at SB Park in San Francisco.

■ Purdue accepted a bid to the Sun Bowl on Tuesday, the third time in four years the Boilermakers will play in the New Year's Eve game.

Purdue (7-4, 4-4 Big Ten) will likely face either No. 18 Arizona State (8-2) or Oregon State (6-5) in the game in El Paso, Texas.

**Clemson, South Carolina not going to bowls after brawl**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clemson and South Carolina will not accept bowl bids, punishment for players who brawled toward the end of Saturday's game.

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee said Monday that the Gamecocks' actions on the field were not consistent with the values and ethics of the school.

"This decision will have a sig-

nificant financial impact on USC athletics. We will also lose a month of prebowl practice," McGee said. "It was a decision that had to be made."

Clemson athletic director Terry Don Phillips said in a statement the decision isn't fair to the majority of the players.

"But given the circumstances, I believe strongly that it is the right decision so that our university, our student-athletes, supporters and all people that love Clemson know without question what our values are," he said.

Both teams qualified for the postseason with 6-5 records.

**Fox lands BCS games**

NEW YORK — Fox will be the new television home of the Bowl Championship Series.

The network and the BCS announced a four-year, \$320 million deal Monday that gives Fox the broadcast rights to the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls from 2007-10 and the national title game from 2007-09.

ABC has held the broadcast rights to the BCS since college football's major conferences implemented the system to crown a national champion in 1998.

ABC withdrew from the bidding last week, with network officials saying they were unhappy with the new BCS structure, which added a fifth game.

**Ron Turner fired by Illinois**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ron Turner was fired by Illinois on Monday after three straight losing seasons, a sharp turnaround from early success that included the team's first Big Ten football title in a decade.

Illinois went 3-8 this season and has just one conference victory in the past two years. Half of the Illini's four wins overall the past two seasons were against Division I-AA opponents.

Turner had two seasons left on his contract.

Turner went 35-57 record with two bowl trips in eight seasons at Illinois. But since a Sugar Bowl appearance in January 2002, Illinois is just 9-25, and attendance has been falling.

## Wake Forest worthy of new No. 1 ranking

## Demon Deacons in control all the way vs. Yale

*The Associated Press*

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest's first game at No. 1 seemed just like the ones they played this season when ranked one spot lower.

Chris Paul, Eric Williams and Kyle Visser each scored 15 points to lead the Demon Deacons past Yale 99-72 in their debut at the top of the poll on Monday night.

"The games still feel the same," Paul said. "You have to play the same teams. I can understand if it was the end of the season, but we're only three games into the season so it really doesn't mean much."

Chris Ellis added 14 points for the Demon Deacons (3-0), who had five players in double figures. They had little trouble on offense in the first half and maintained a comfortable lead against the Bulldogs (1-2) throughout.

Earlier Monday, Wake Forest climbed into the top spot of The Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in school history. The Demon Deacons jumped past Kansas from No. 2 after the Jayhawks trailed much of the way in their season-opening 68-61 win against Vermont.



Tim Duncan's senior season of 1996-97. The total was the third highest for a school that hadn't reached No. 1.

Paul, the preseason All-America point guard, said the game against Yale was "business as usual."

Wake Forest's first game at No. 1 was marked by a solid opening half that produced a 17-point lead at the break. Nine players scored in the first 14 minutes, with the Demon Deacons scoring 58 points and shooting 48 percent.

**No. 3 Georgia Tech 60, Illinois-Chicago 59:** Luke Schenscher made a pair of free throws with 25.9 seconds left, B.J. Elder hit three three-pointers in the final nine minutes and the Yellow Jackets survived a scare in Chicago.

The Flames (0-1) had a chance to win, but freshman Kevin Bond missed a free throw with six seconds left and Justin Bowen's last-second jumper sailed wide of the basket. Still, it was a spirited effort by the Flames, who haven't beaten a ranked team since Dec. 12, 1989, when they upset No. 25 Michigan State.

Elder led the Yellow Jackets (2-0) with 17 points, and Jarret Jack and Isma'il Muhammad added 10 each. Cedrick Banks led all players with 23 points, including five three-pointers.

**No. 9 Duke 74, Davidson 61:** At Charlotte, N.C., Daniel Ewing scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half and sparked two big runs for the Blue Devils.

Duke (2-0) beat Davidson for the 18th consecutive time, but nearly blew a 20-point lead in the second half and struggled to put the Wildcats (1-1) away.

Brendan Winters scored 24 points for Davidson, which trimmed Duke's lead to four with 5:39 to play. Logan Kosmalski had 25 points and 13 rebounds. J.J. Redick added 18 points for Duke, and Shelden Williams and Sean Dockery had 15 each.

**No. 11 North Carolina 86, Brigham Young 50:** After missing the season-opening loss to Santa Clara because of an NCAA suspension, junior guard Raymond Felton returned to anchor North Carolina's defense in an easy victory over Brigham Young (0-1) in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

With Felton back at the point, North Carolina (1-1) opened the



**Wake Forest's Taron Downey, left, steals the ball from Yale's Eric Flato during the first half in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Monday.**

game against BYU (0-1) with a 25-3 run and led by as many as 39. Sean May had 18 points and eight rebounds.

**Iowa 76, No. 12 Louisville 71:** At Lahaina, Hawaii, Jeff Horner scored 11 points in a 4½-minute span of the second half, part of a nine-minute stretch when Iowa (2-0) held Louisville (1-1) without a field goal in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

Horner finished with 18 points and six assists.

**No. 15 Texas 84, Chaminade 62:** At Lahaina, Hawaii, Texas withstood foul trouble and the three-point shooting of Chris Reeves.

P.J. Tucker had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Longhorns (2-0). Reeves, a junior college transfer, made his first six three-point attempts, finished 8-for-10 from long range and scored 33 points for the Division II Silverswords (1-1).

## It's More Than a Battlefield

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for second straight year,  
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## Rumble leaves rubble

### Pacers were contenders, now playoffs are in doubt

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — After receiving some of the harshest penalties in NBA history for one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, the Indiana Pacers' deep and talented roster has been reduced from a title contender to rubble.

The Pacers lost more than 62 percent of their scoring when Ron Artest was suspended for the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 25 for fighting with Detroit Pistons fans on Friday night.

Combined with myriad injuries to key players, that leaves the likes of Fred Jones and Austin Croshere to carry the load until the team gets healthy and O'Neal and Jackson return.

The Pacers' leadership expressed unequivocal support for all three suspended players on Monday and said the losses haven't changed their goals for a season that began with championship aspirations.

"We don't care who puts on a uniform," coach Rick Carlisle said. "There's a standard here. When you put on an Indiana Pacers uniform, you're expected to perform at a certain way at a certain level. That's what we expect from all these guys who haven't necessarily been star players."

Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh called the melee a low point for pro sports and the franchise.

"We apologize for our part in it," Walsh said.

Artest bolted into the stands after being hit by a cup thrown by a fan, touching off a

brawl in which players exchanged punches with fans, who also doused Pacers with drinks, popcorn, a chair and other debris.

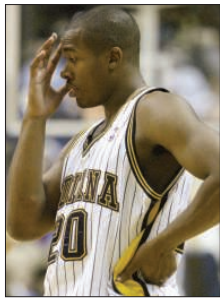
Jackson joined Artest in the stands, swinging wildly, while O'Neal remained on the floor and punched a fan who came onto the court.

O'Neal and Artest have also apologized for their roles in the brawl, but Anthony Johnson said his five-game suspension was "excessive."

"I never went into the stands; I never left the court area," Johnson said. "People certainly can see what the conditions on the floor were like. The chaos speaks for itself."

Now the Pacers are trying to move forward and salvage a season that began with so much promise.

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Pacers guard Fred Jones had 31 points in Saturday's loss. With 62 percent of the team's scoring lost to suspensions, Jones is among the players Indiana will have to count on to reach the playoffs.

## Patriots keep piling up victories



Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez (88) is tackled by Patriots defenders Ted Johnson (52) and Eugene Wilson (26) during the first half on Monday night. New England was unspectacular but beat Kansas City 27-19 for its 24th win in 25 games. See Page 30 for details.



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## Ravens might be without RB Lewis on Sunday

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